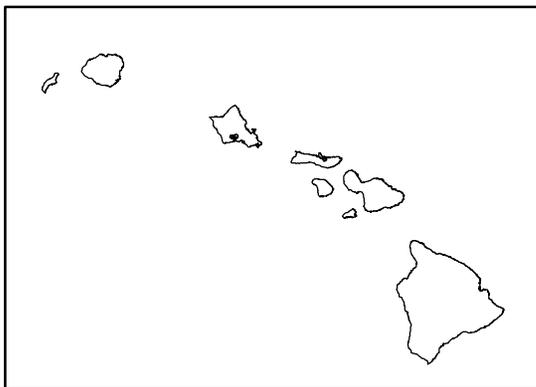
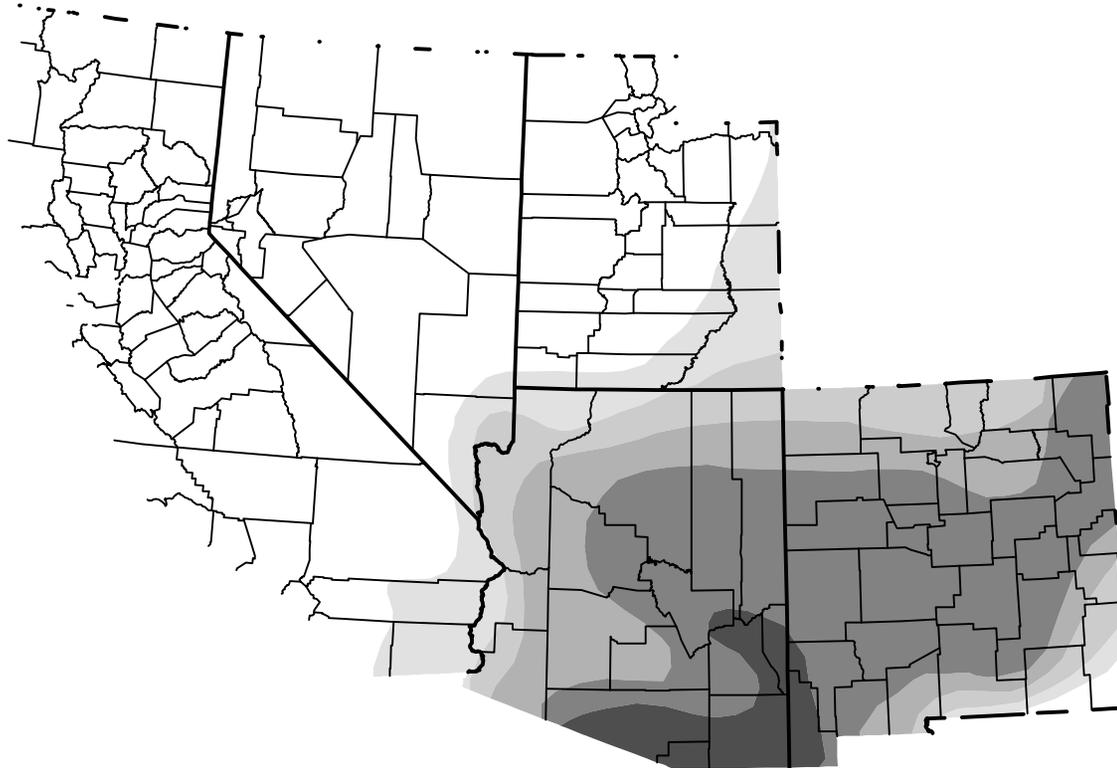


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	54.51	45.49	38.24	31.70	22.21	3.36
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-11-2006</i>	54.51	45.49	37.82	32.05	22.25	2.96
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-16-2006</i>	52.57	47.43	36.23	19.06	7.48	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	42.85	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2005</i>	76.22	23.78	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-19-2005</i>	76.26	23.74	5.98	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Intensity:



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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