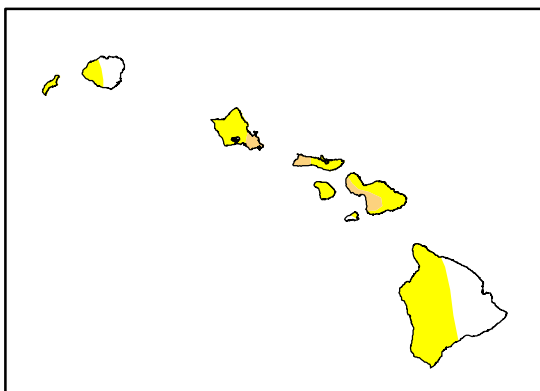
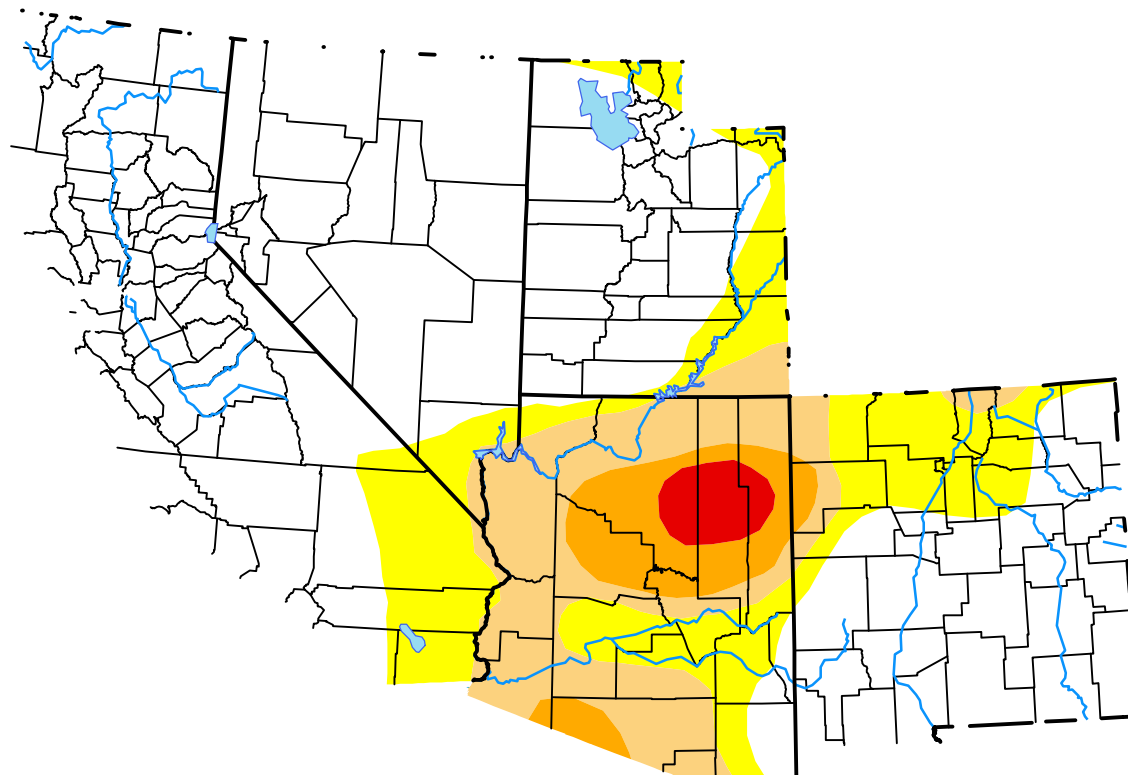


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**September 26, 2006**  
*(Released Thursday, Sep. 28, 2006)*  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 66.95 | 33.05 | 17.13 | 5.72  | 1.39  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-21-2006</i>              | 66.92 | 33.08 | 18.01 | 5.72  | 1.39  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-29-2006</i>           | 53.61 | 46.39 | 40.45 | 34.83 | 21.18 | 3.74 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 57.15 | 42.85 | 12.95 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>    | 76.22 | 23.78 | 6.80  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>           | 76.22 | 23.78 | 6.80  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

### Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate Drought | D4 Exceptional Drought |

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

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