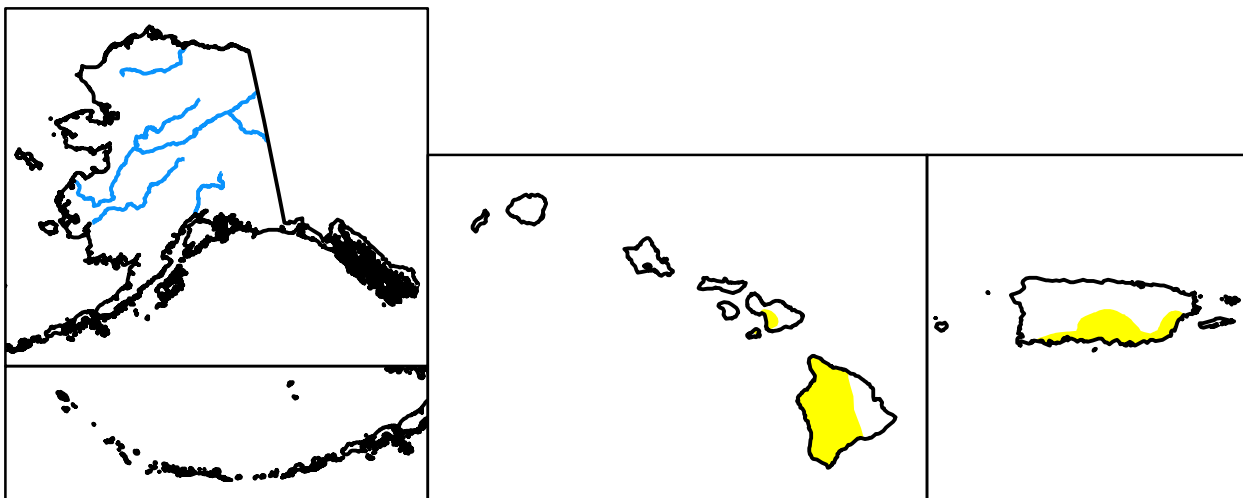
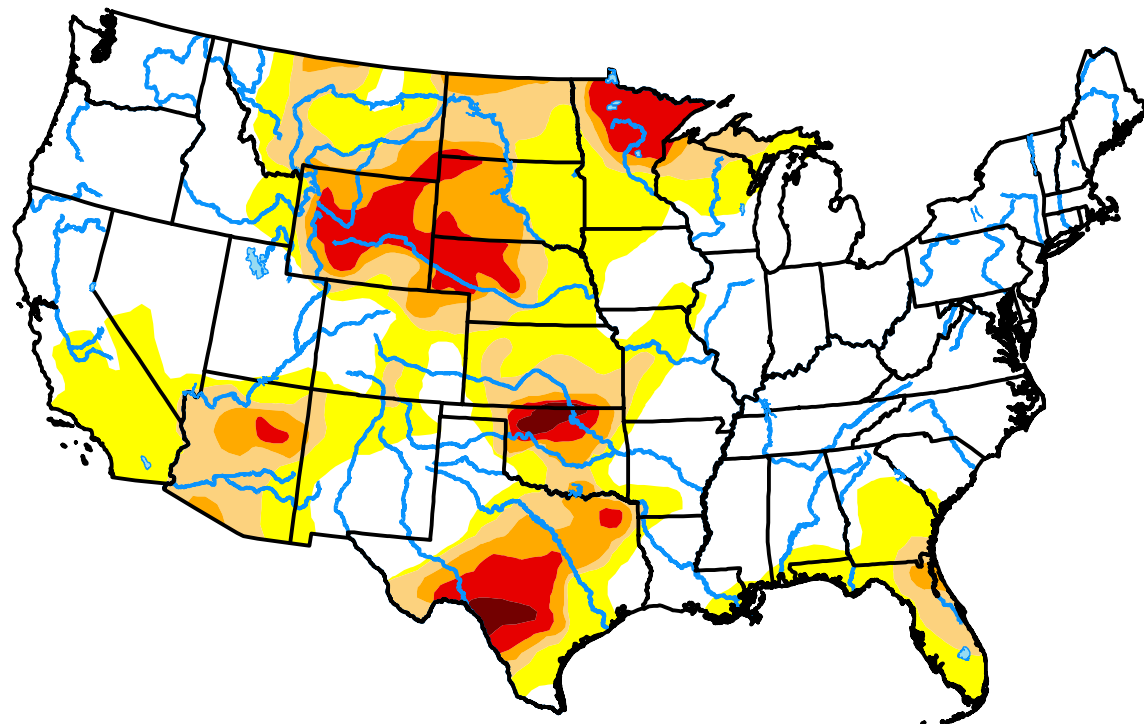


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.98	40.01	21.43	11.29	5.20	0.51
Last Week 12-05-2006	61.30	38.69	20.99	10.97	5.13	0.15
3 Months Ago 09-12-2006	51.68	48.31	33.54	18.46	8.60	1.21
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006	62.51	37.48	17.80	6.25	2.47	0.51
Start of Water Year 09-26-2006	54.01	45.98	27.52	13.62	5.52	0.12
One Year Ago 12-13-2005	59.53	40.46	18.88	5.62	1.39	0.00

Intensity:

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

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