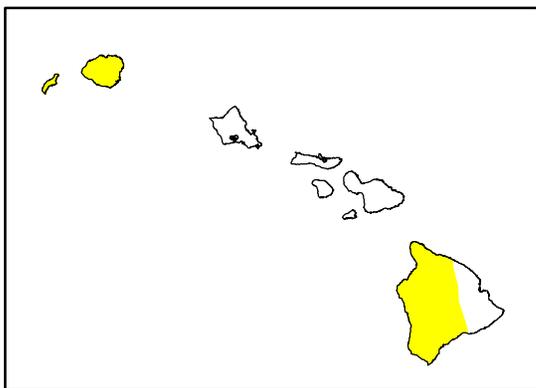
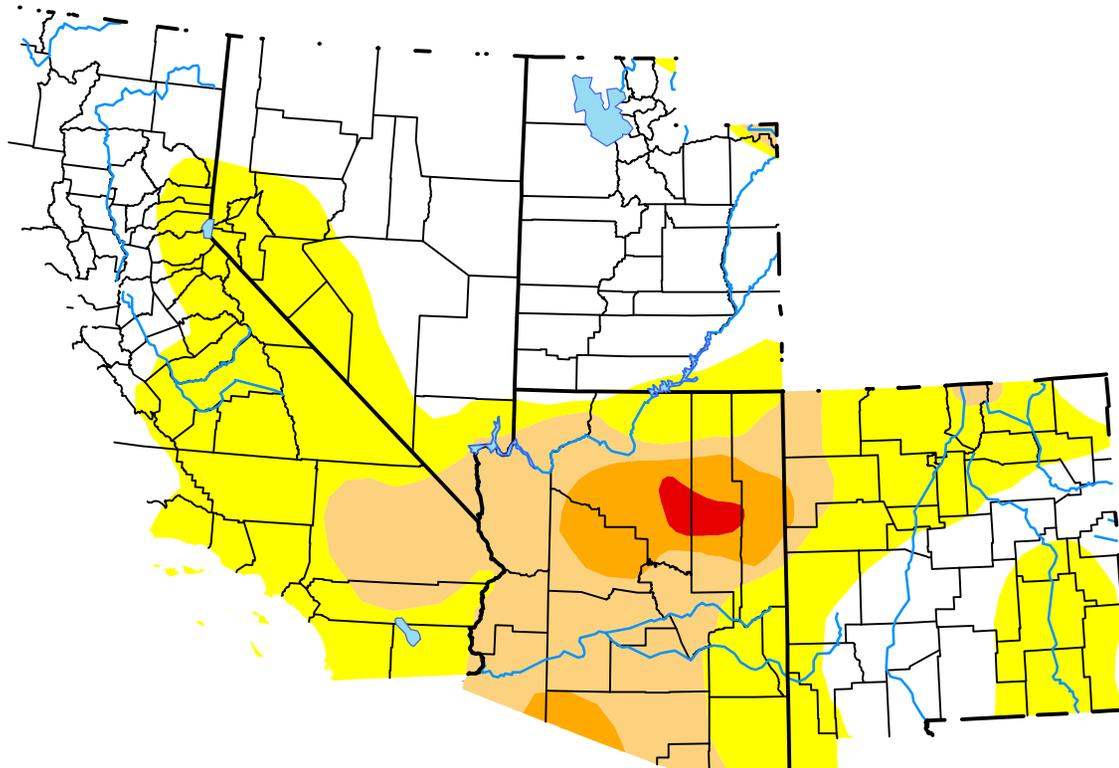


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 19, 2006**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	45.73	34.66	15.19	3.84	0.58	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-14-2006</i>	53.75	29.60	12.22	3.84	0.58	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-21-2006</i>	66.92	15.07	12.29	4.33	1.39	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	15.92	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-22-2005</i>	59.45	31.66	8.89	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

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