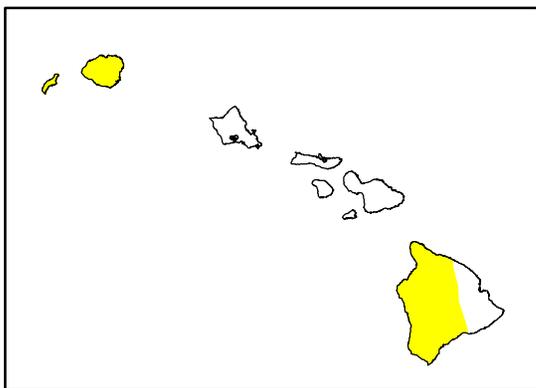
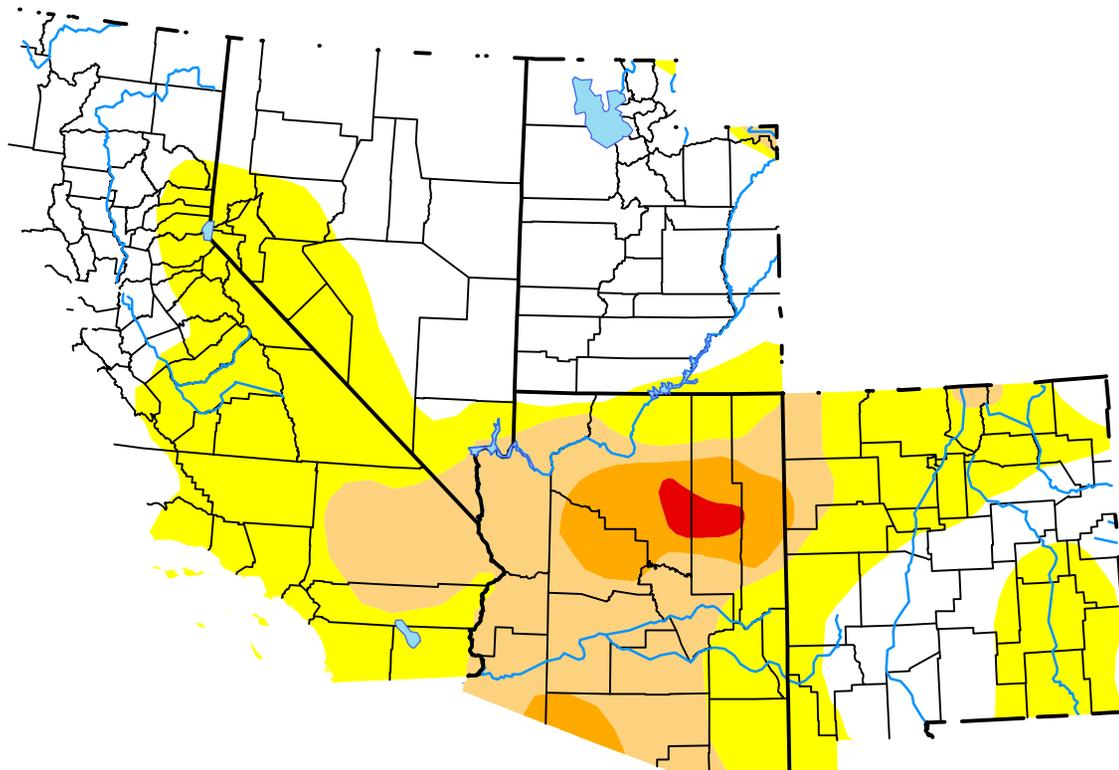


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.73	54.27	19.61	4.42	0.58	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2006</i>	53.75	46.25	16.64	4.42	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2006</i>	66.92	33.08	18.01	5.72	1.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	42.85	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	33.05	17.13	5.72	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2005</i>	59.45	40.55	8.89	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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