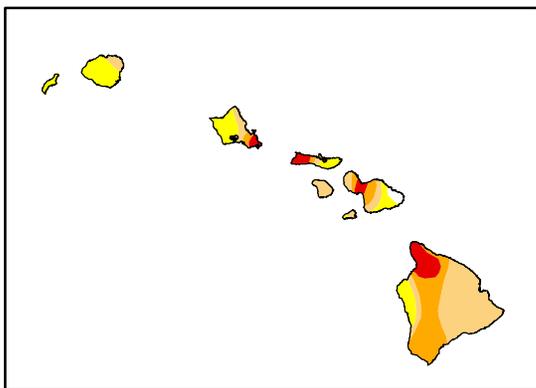
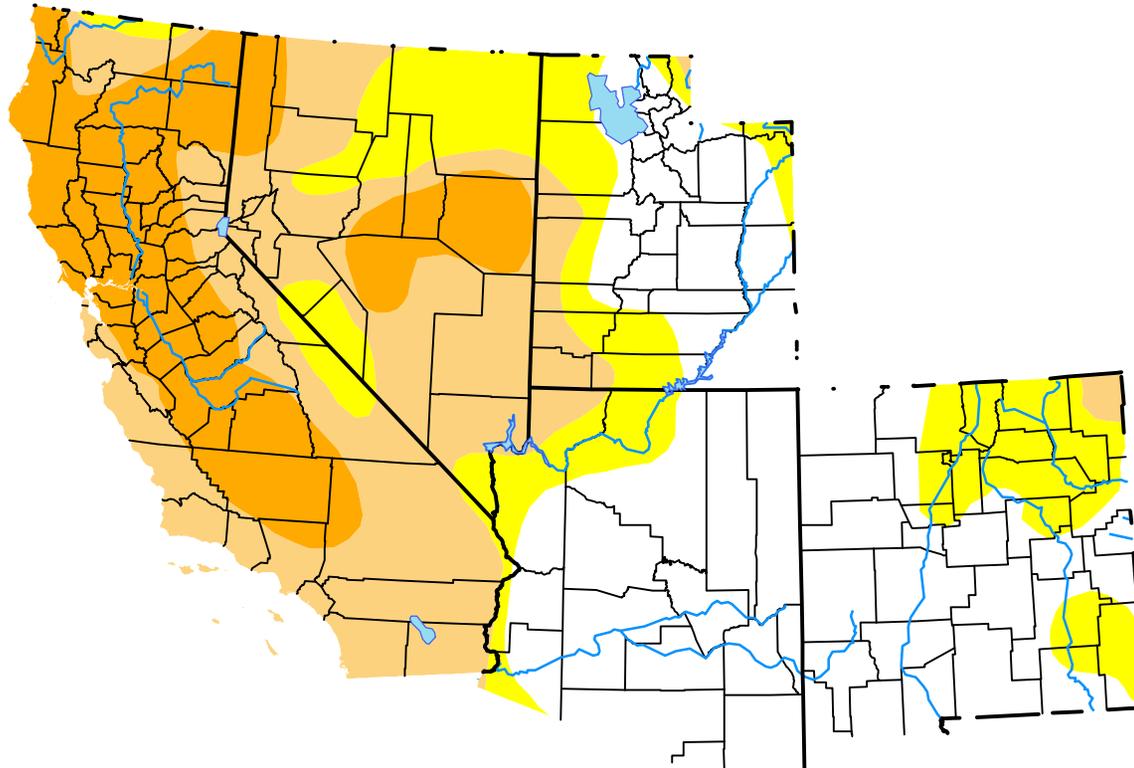


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	38.93	61.07	42.58	17.19	0.10	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-11-2008</i>	39.29	60.71	42.49	17.24	0.08	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-19-2008</i>	22.06	77.94	56.63	15.56	3.13	0.22
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2008</i>	20.86	79.14	63.29	45.33	5.44	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2007</i>	21.09	78.91	69.70	51.22	16.01	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-20-2007</i>	19.72	80.28	70.87	59.22	16.41	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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