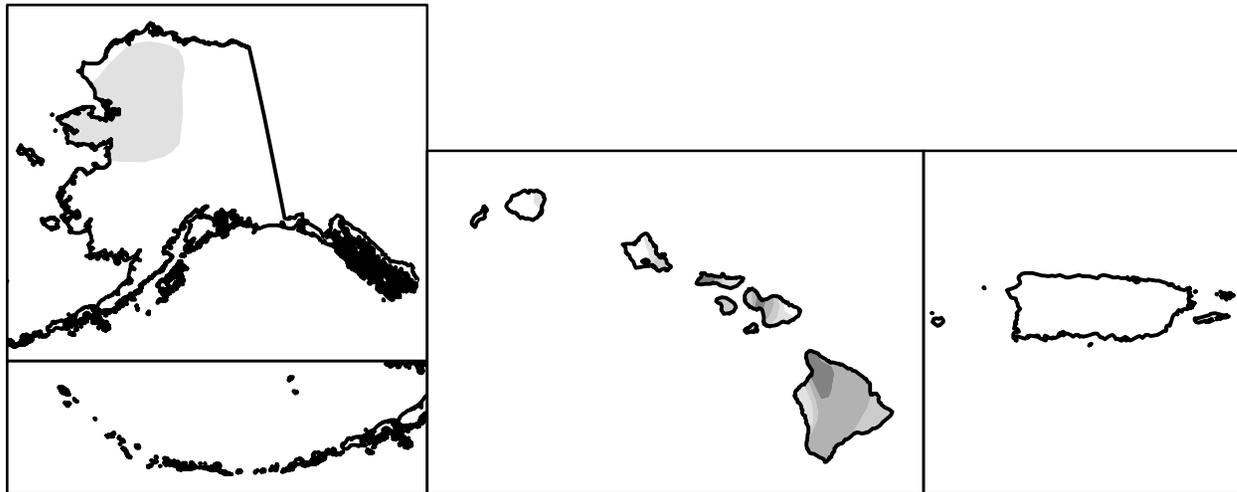
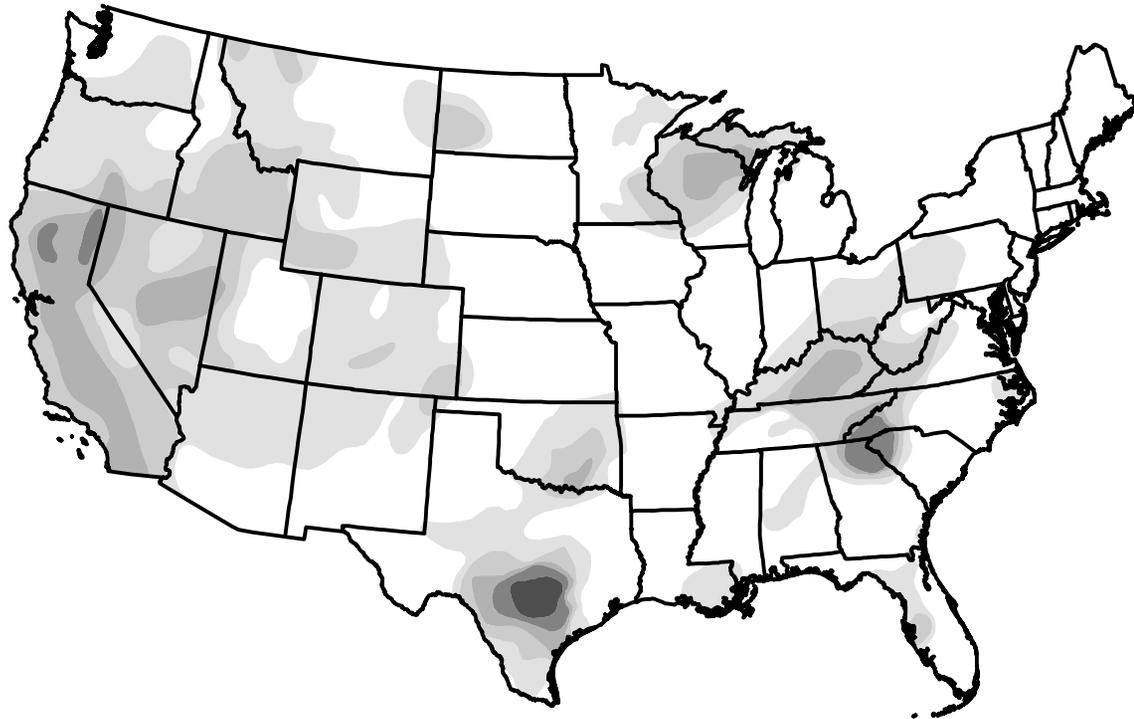


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.84	43.15	17.55	6.10	1.32	0.31
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	56.50	43.49	18.32	7.28	1.87	0.64
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	59.17	40.82	18.39	6.34	1.17	0.12
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	49.26	50.73	29.21	17.04	4.81	1.99
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	57.12	42.87	19.81	7.49	1.56	0.15
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	52.22	47.77	28.97	17.43	5.36	3.13

Intensity:



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