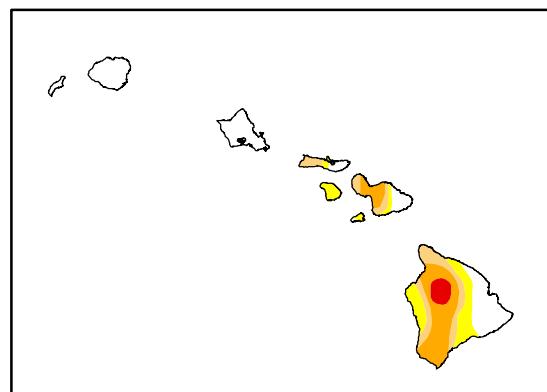
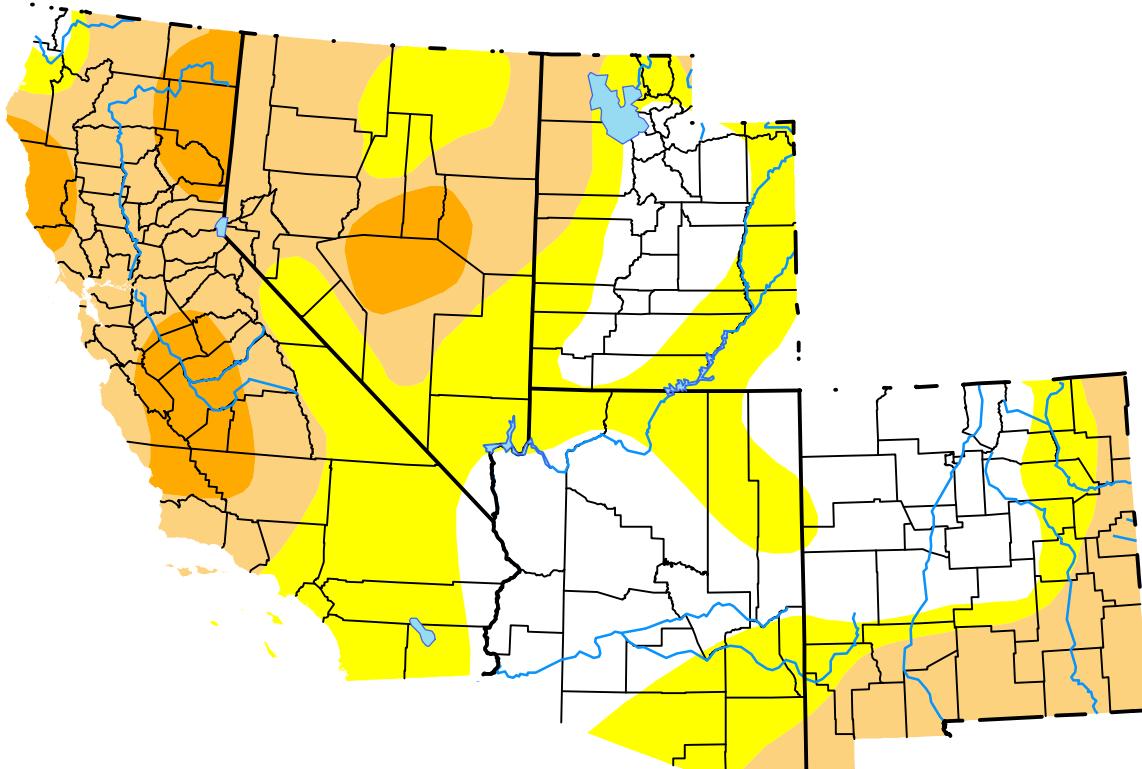


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.45	71.55	38.69	8.44	0.04	0.00
Last Week 03-19-2009	30.70	69.30	34.42	8.43	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-24-2008	29.81	70.19	42.46	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2009	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago 03-27-2008	38.38	61.62	37.00	14.22	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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