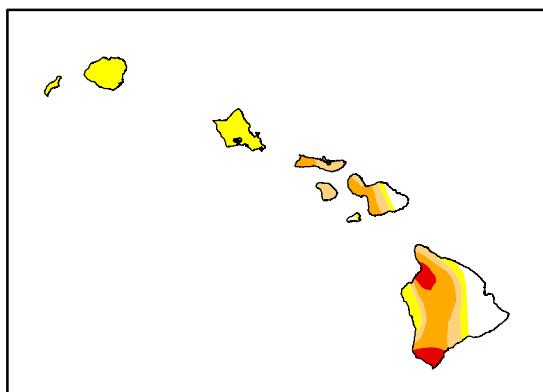
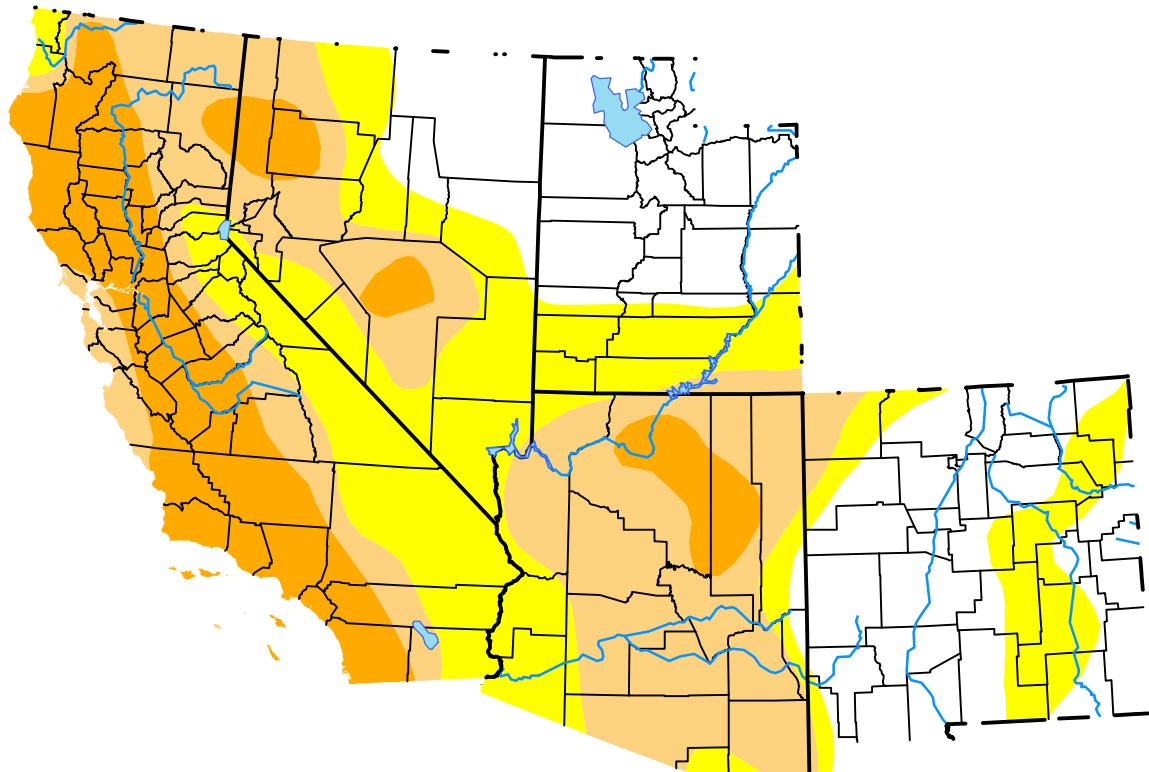


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	29.51	70.49	43.34	16.17	0.07	0.00
Last Week 10-01-2009	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-09-2009	39.54	60.46	30.97	14.87	0.03	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 10-01-2009	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago 10-09-2008	38.93	61.07	42.34	18.86	0.13	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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