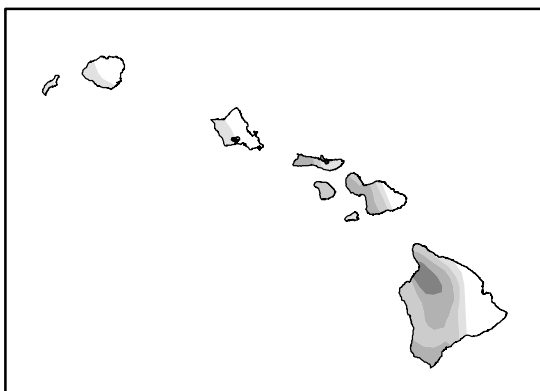
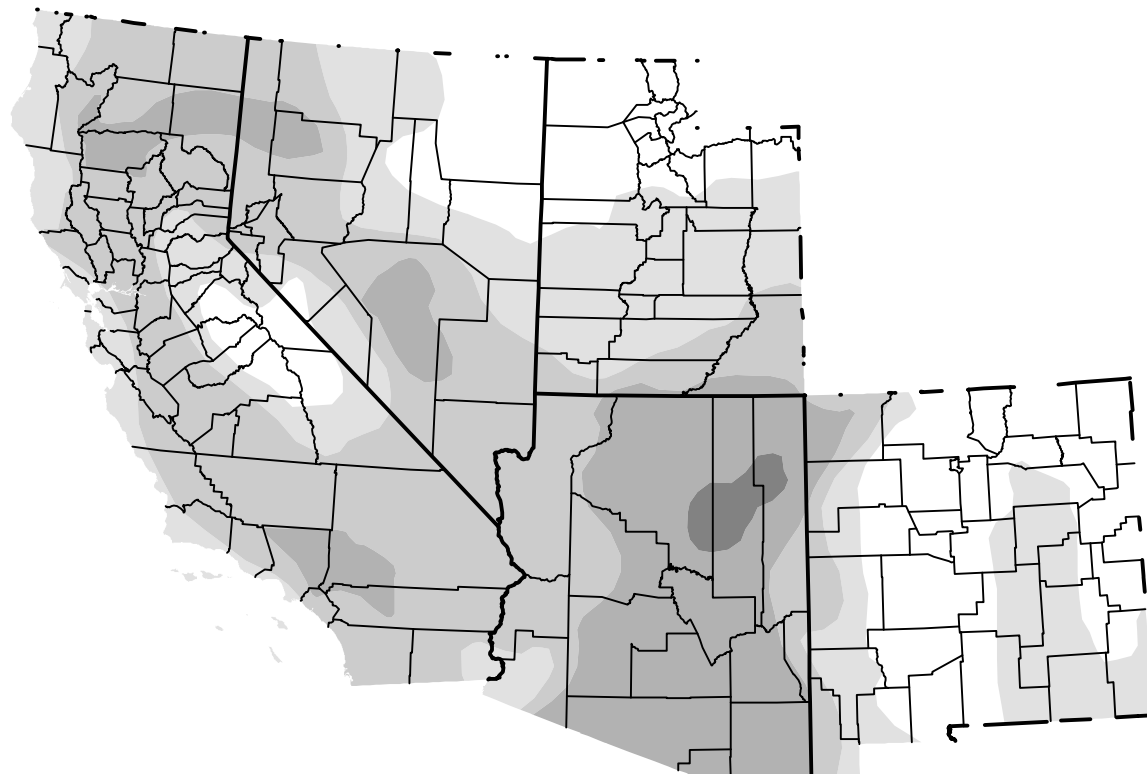


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.38	77.62	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Last Week 12-10-2009	22.69	77.31	53.33	22.51	1.15	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-17-2009	26.17	73.83	40.35	14.11	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 12-18-2008	26.07	73.93	43.90	19.76	1.67	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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