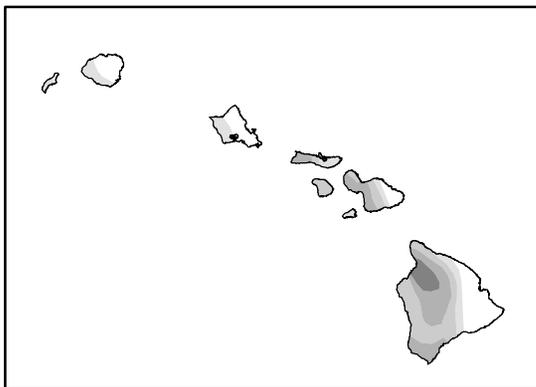
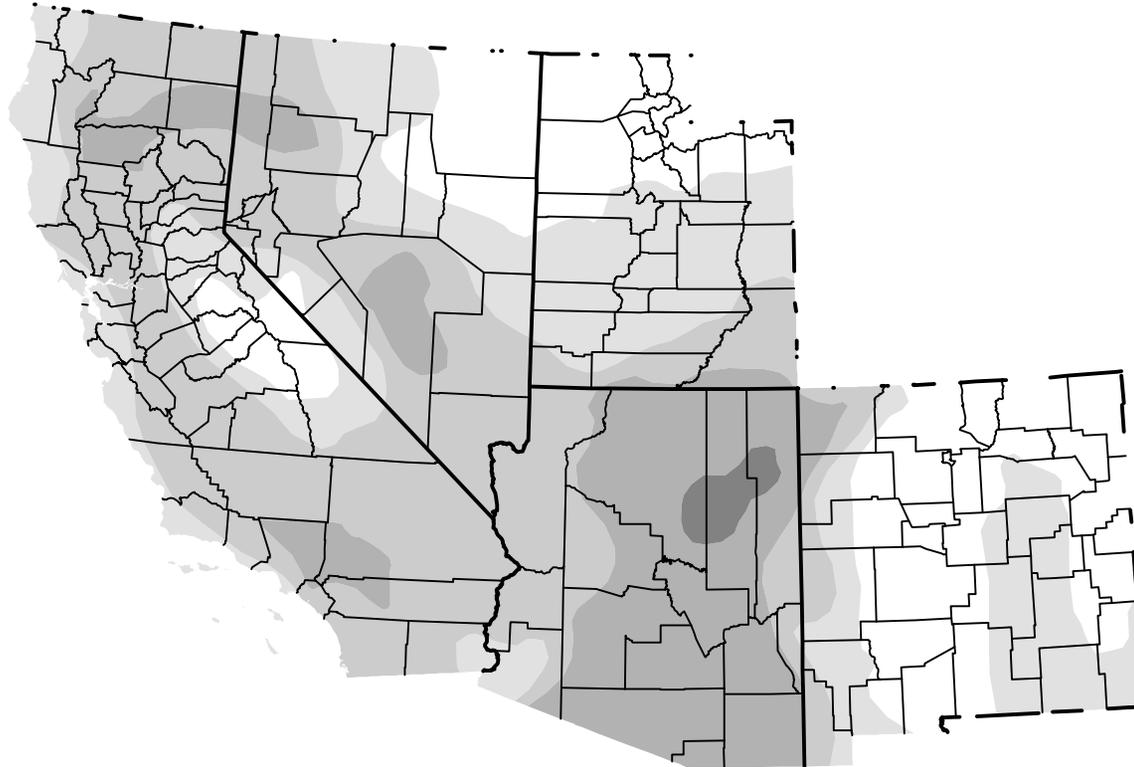


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.38	77.62	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Last Week <i>12-17-2009</i>	22.38	77.62	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2009</i>	30.45	69.55	37.57	14.11	0.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2008</i>	29.81	70.19	42.46	17.71	0.86	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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