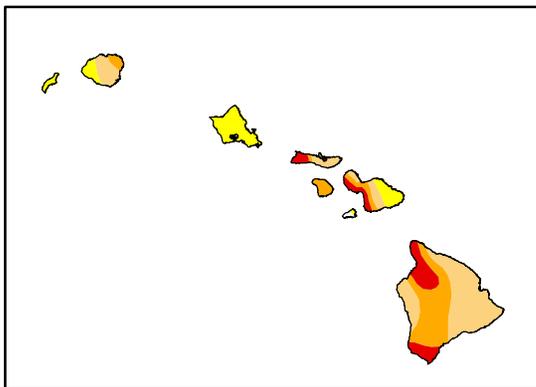
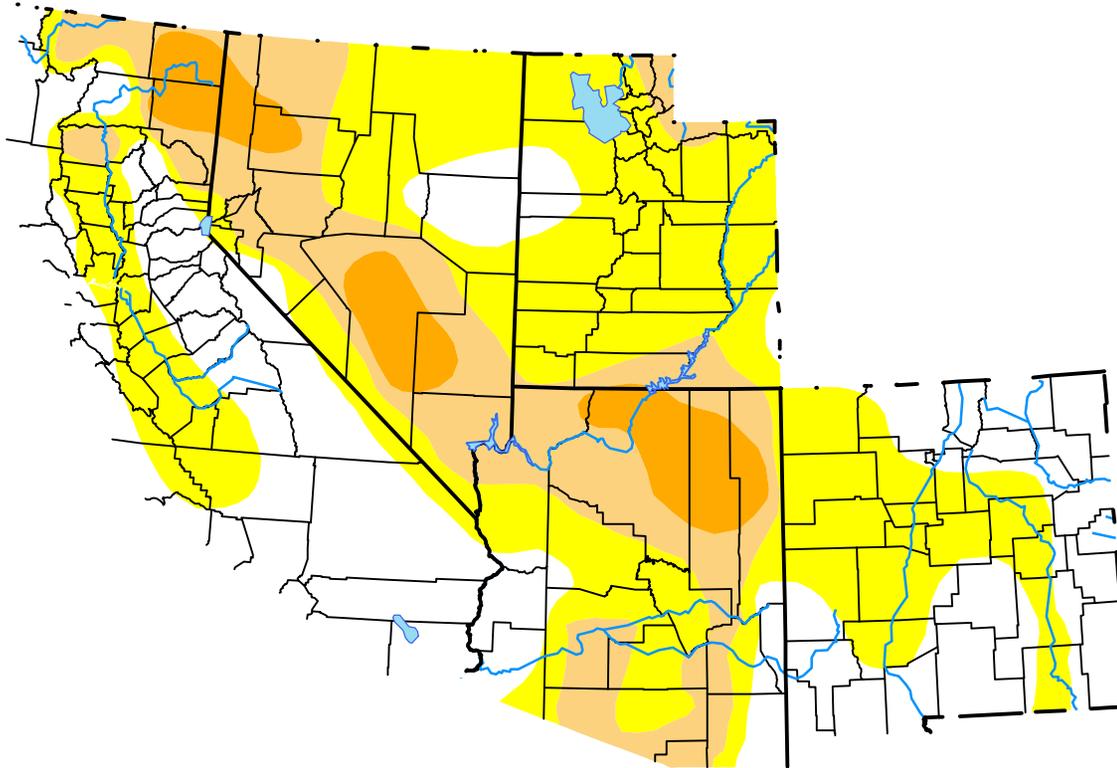


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**February 23, 2010**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	34.57	40.28	18.21	6.80	0.14	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-18-2010</i>	34.21	40.29	18.58	6.78	0.14	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-25-2009</i>	23.57	23.36	30.54	21.44	1.09	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-26-2009</i>	35.17	30.33	16.93	13.60	3.97	0.00

***Intensity:***

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