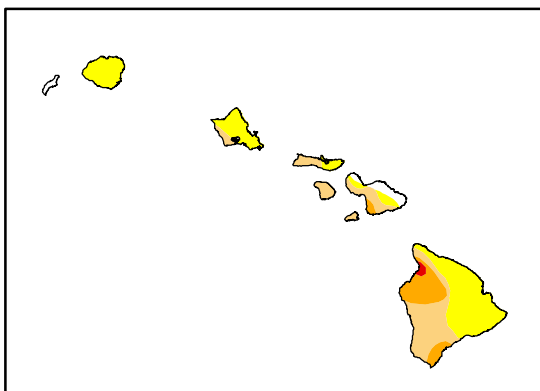
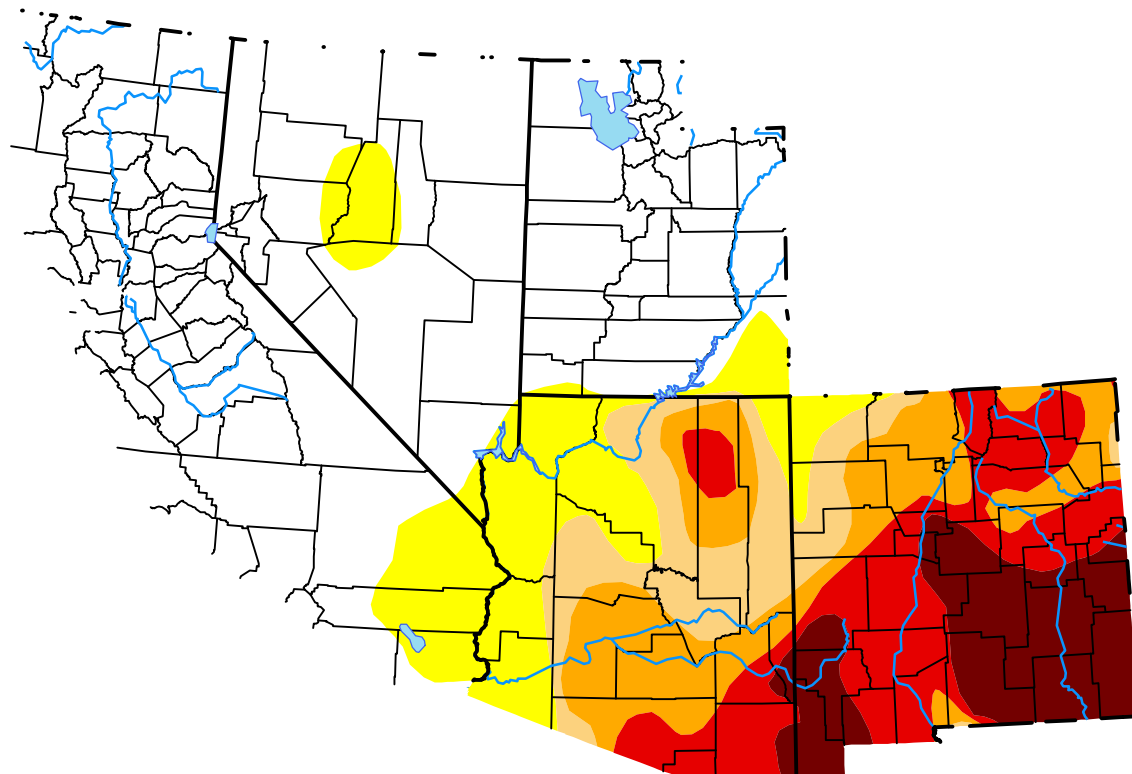


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
Last Week 09-22-2011	53.67	12.78	7.03	9.38	9.66	7.49
3 Months Ago 06-30-2011	55.51	11.86	5.78	7.16	8.60	11.10
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2011	65.37	19.78	14.67	0.15	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2010	55.50	32.14	11.18	0.84	0.28	0.06
One Year Ago 09-30-2010	55.50	32.14	11.18	0.84	0.28	0.06

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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