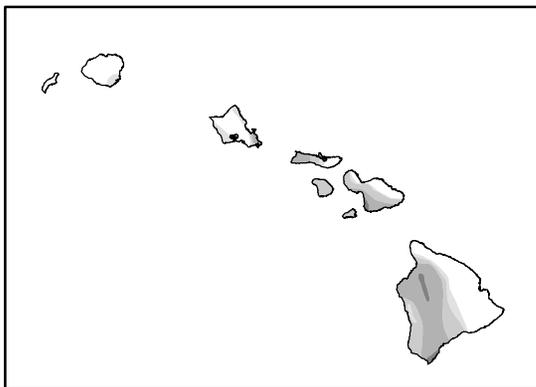
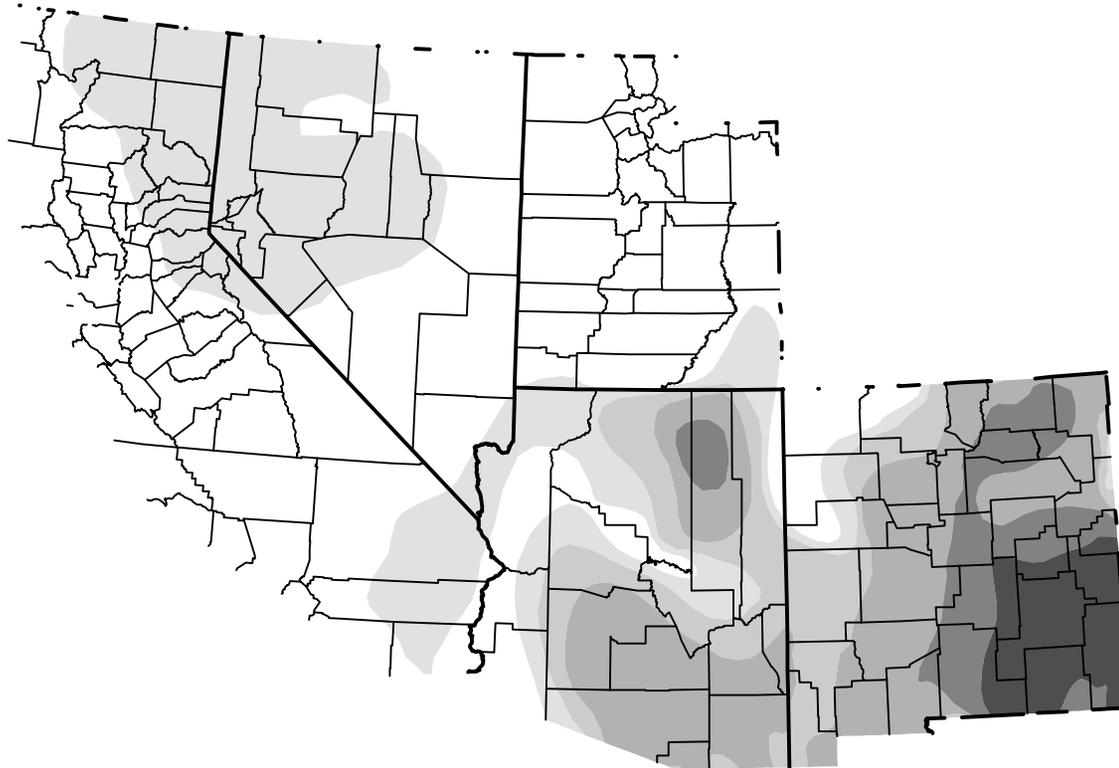


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	47.97	22.04	7.95	13.73	4.68	3.63
Last Week <i>12-15-2011</i>	46.22	21.63	5.84	12.66	9.99	3.66
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2011</i>	53.67	12.78	7.03	9.38	9.66	7.49
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	65.37	19.78	14.67	0.15	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2010</i>	53.41	29.47	16.80	0.28	0.05	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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