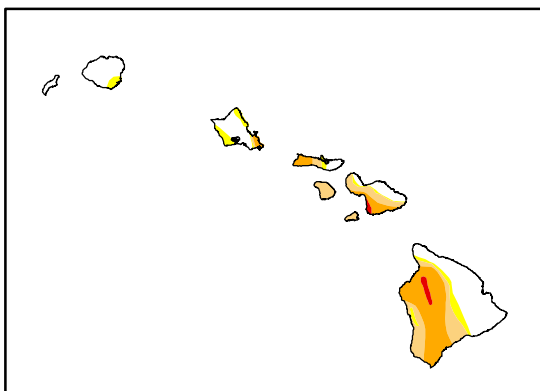
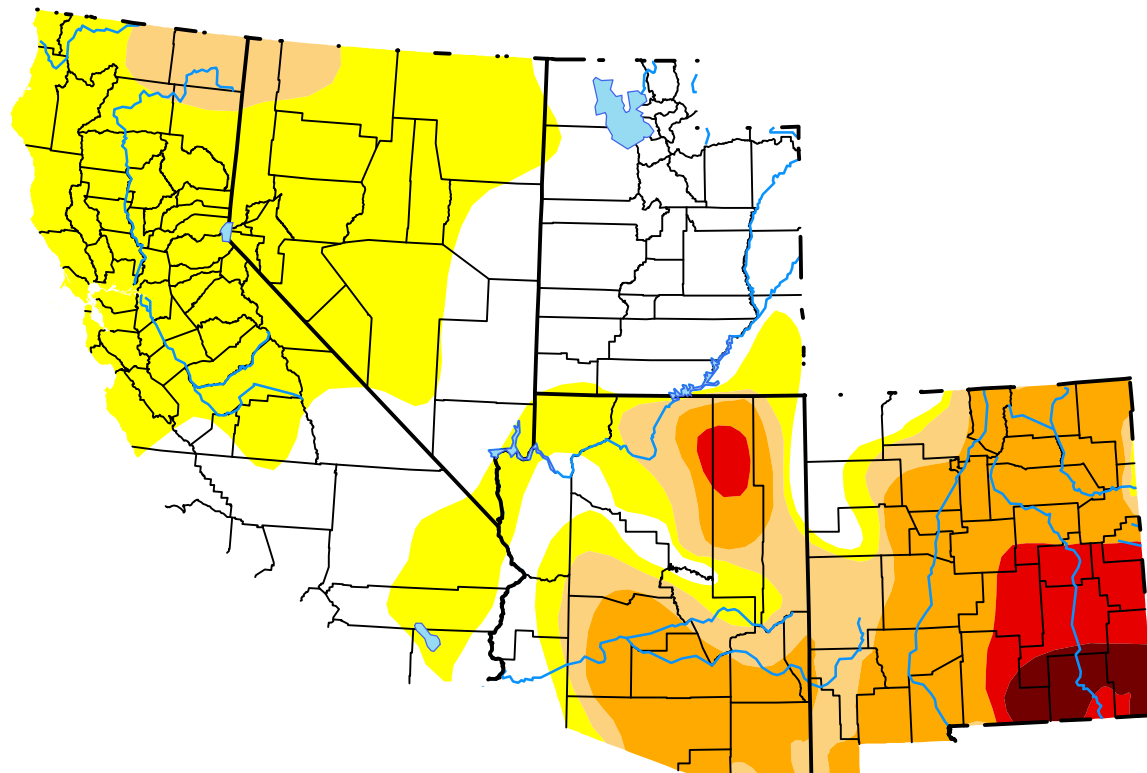


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	32.39	67.61	32.34	22.04	5.32	1.55
Last Week 12-22-2011	47.97	52.03	29.99	22.04	8.31	3.63
3 Months Ago 09-29-2011	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2011	65.37	34.63	14.85	0.18	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2011	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago 12-30-2010	62.63	37.37	14.86	0.22	0.03	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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