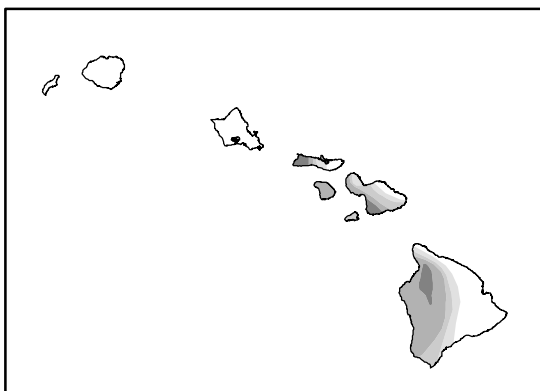
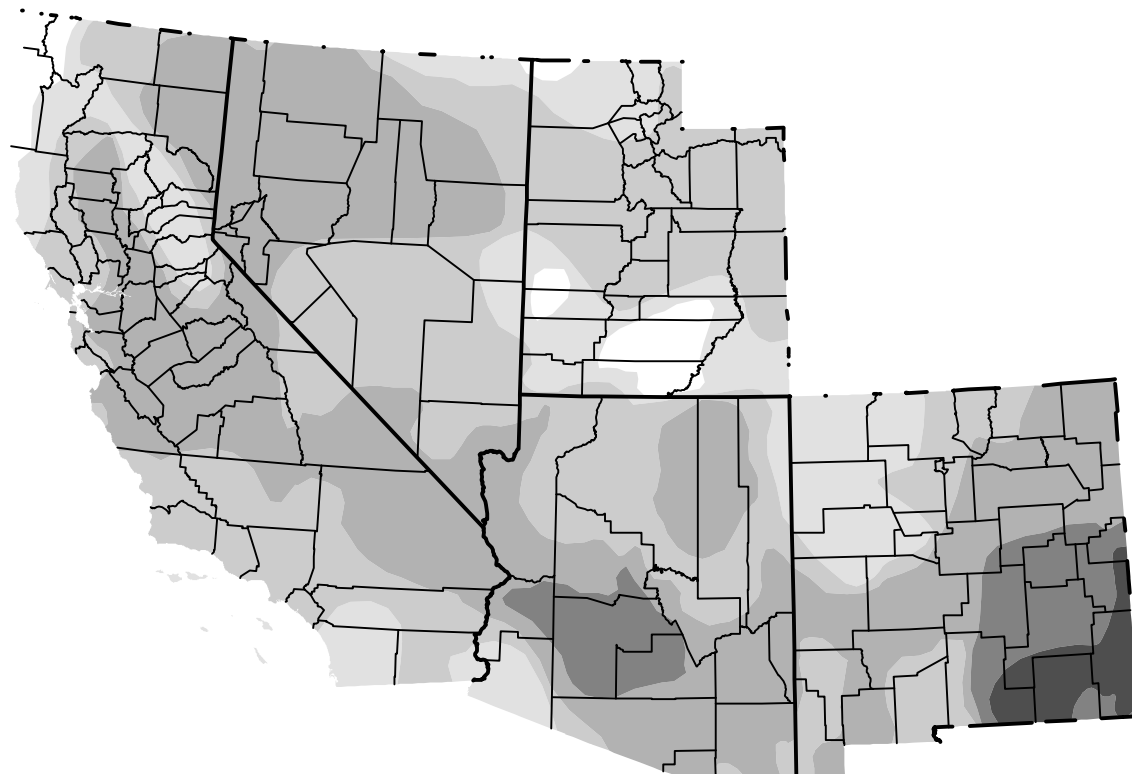


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.13	14.66	35.75	38.89	5.72	1.84
Last Week <i>03-29-2012</i>	5.28	12.73	35.87	38.56	5.70	1.86
3 Months Ago <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
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>04-07-2011</i>	64.30	6.46	9.76	11.19	8.30	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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