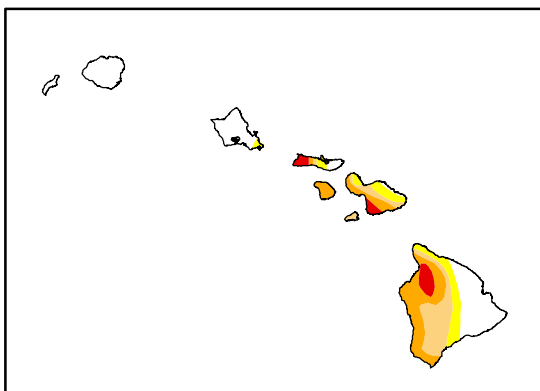
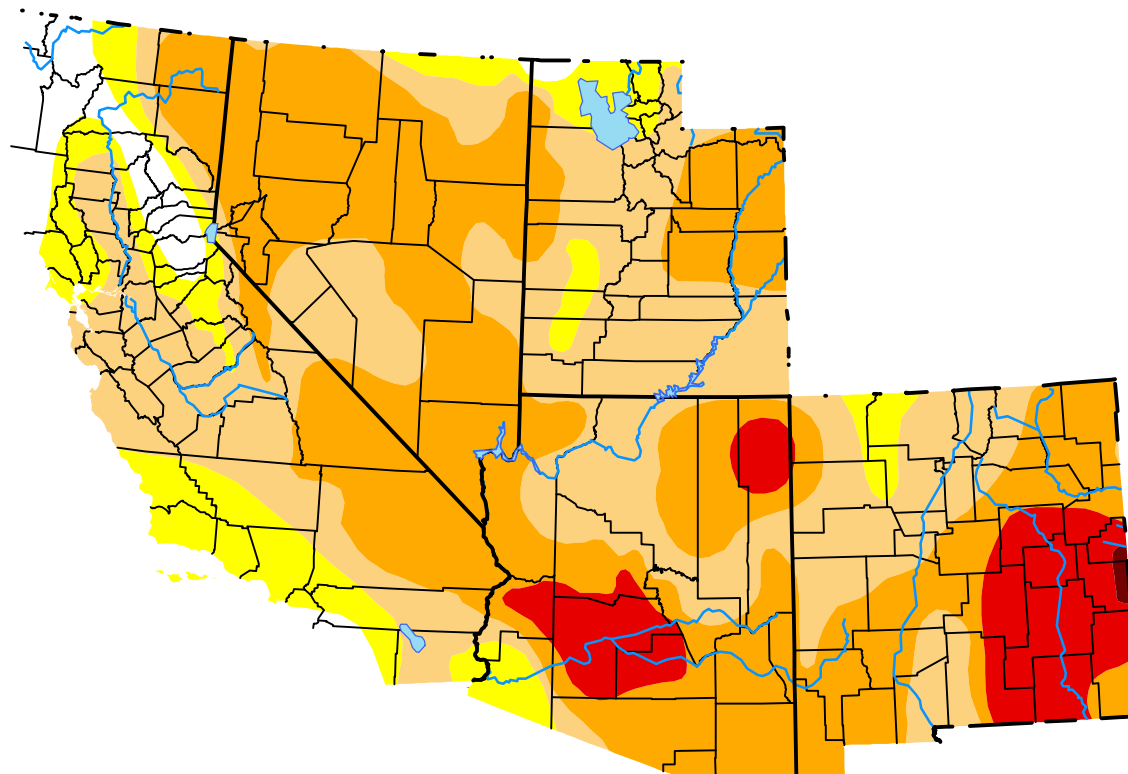


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.81	95.19	84.43	49.59	8.08	0.14
Last Week <i>05-10-2012</i>	4.81	95.19	84.43	47.64	8.75	0.71
3 Months Ago <i>02-16-2012</i>	7.71	92.29	68.49	19.02	5.11	1.66
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago <i>05-19-2011</i>	61.97	38.03	31.54	23.92	16.17	6.46

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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