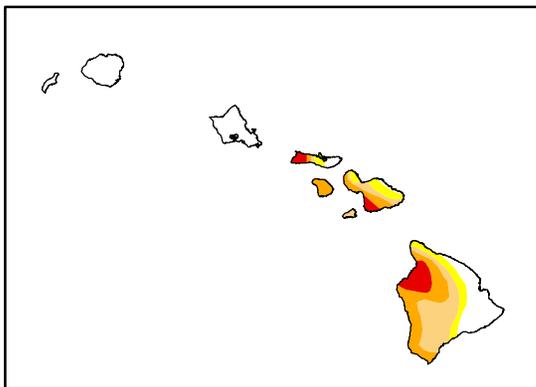
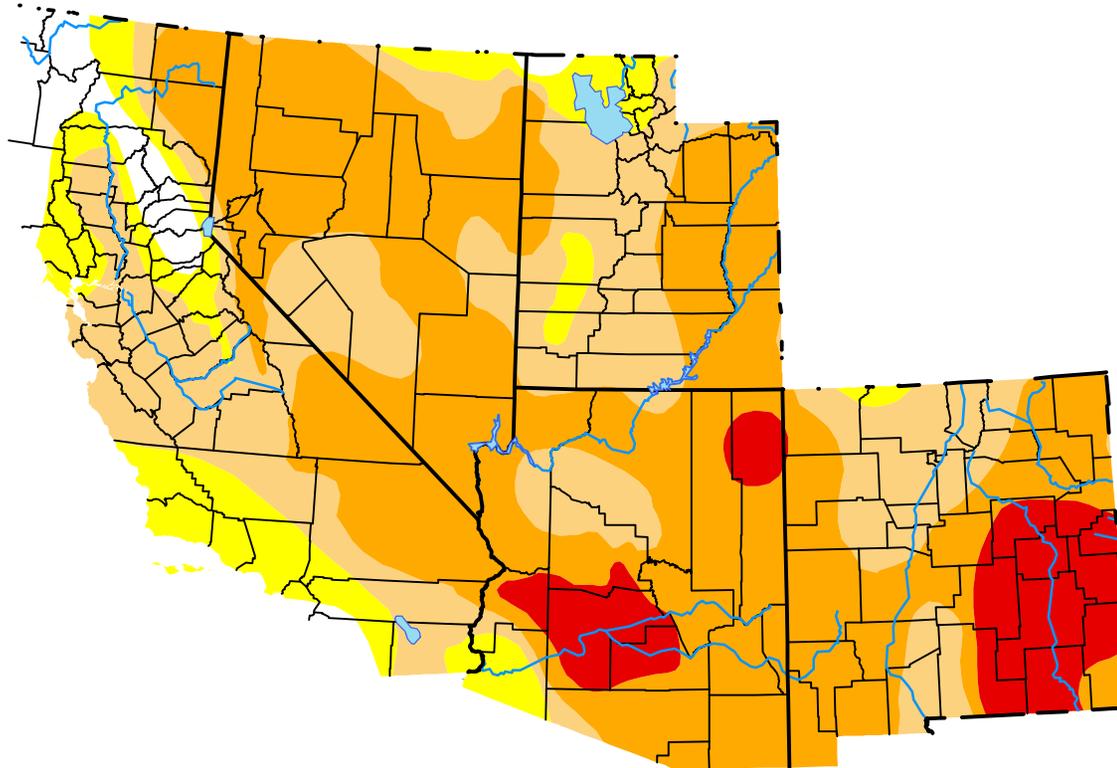


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**May 22, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, May. 24, 2012)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 4.78  | 10.14 | 29.03 | 47.94 | 8.11 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-17-2012</i>              | 4.81  | 10.76 | 34.84 | 41.51 | 7.94 | 0.14 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-23-2012</i>           | 6.22  | 21.48 | 51.03 | 16.16 | 3.45 | 1.66 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 29.38 | 22.20 | 26.39 | 16.71 | 3.78 | 1.55 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 53.67 | 12.76 | 7.04  | 9.37  | 9.67 | 7.49 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-26-2011</i>           | 63.78 | 5.72  | 7.15  | 7.14  | 9.74 | 6.48 |

**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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