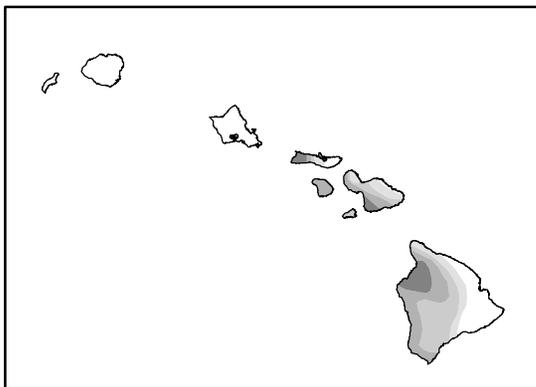
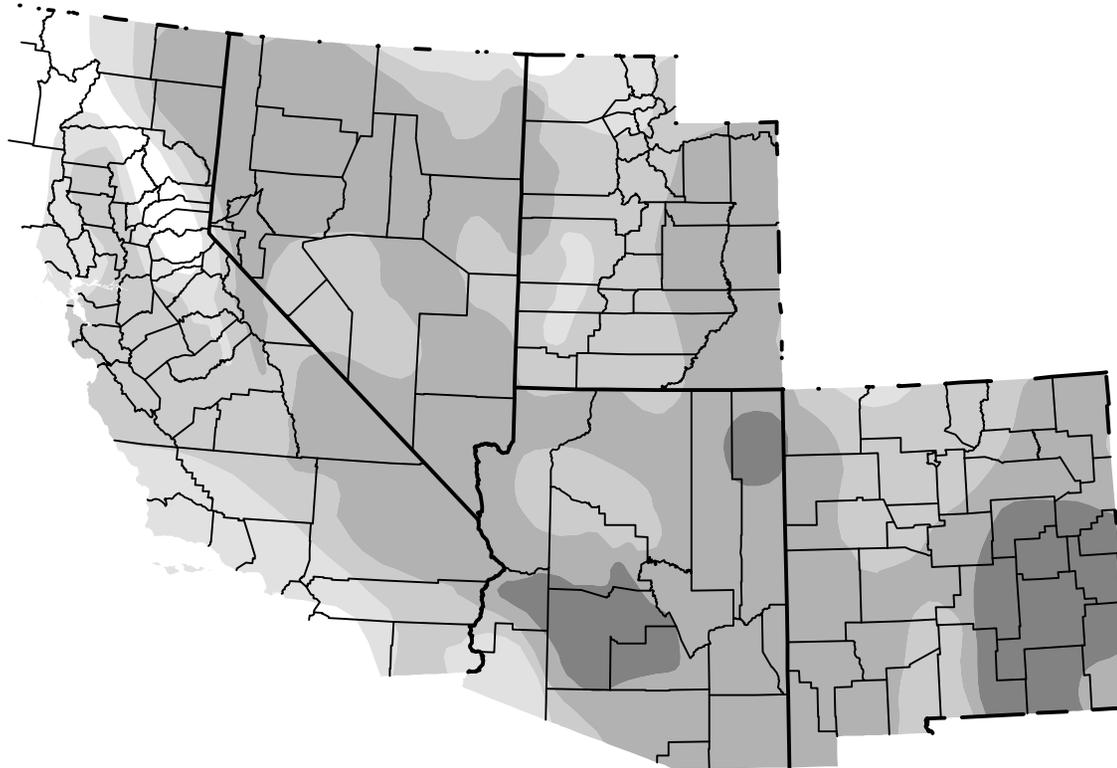


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	4.78	95.22	85.08	56.05	8.11	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-17-2012</i>	4.81	95.19	84.43	49.59	8.08	0.14
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-23-2012</i>	6.22	93.78	72.29	21.27	5.11	1.66
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-26-2011</i>	63.78	36.22	30.51	23.36	16.22	6.48

*Intensity:*



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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