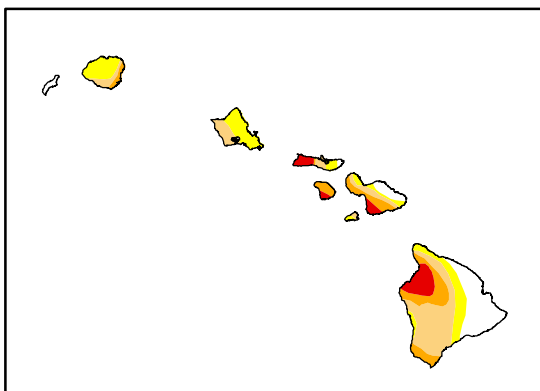
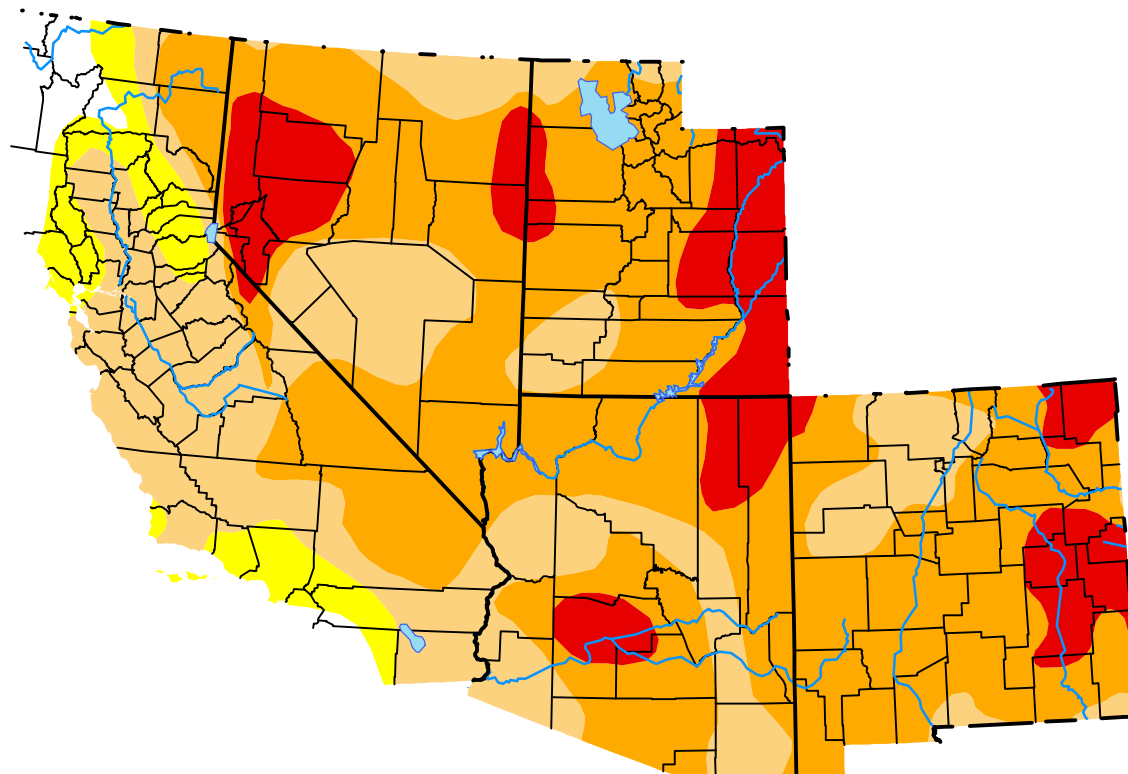


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.23	5.43	28.54	49.28	13.52	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2012</i>	3.23	7.11	22.88	48.75	18.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2012</i>	4.78	10.14	29.03	47.94	8.11	0.00
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>08-25-2011</i>	56.65	10.46	7.49	7.80	8.45	9.15

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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