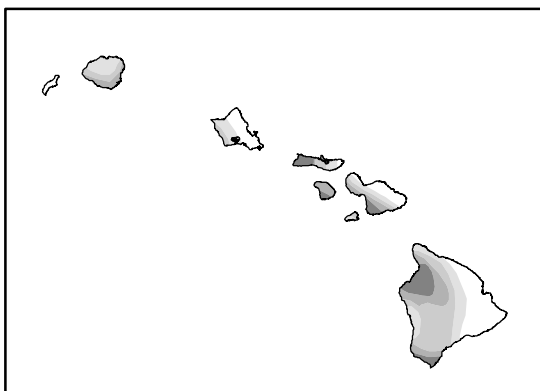
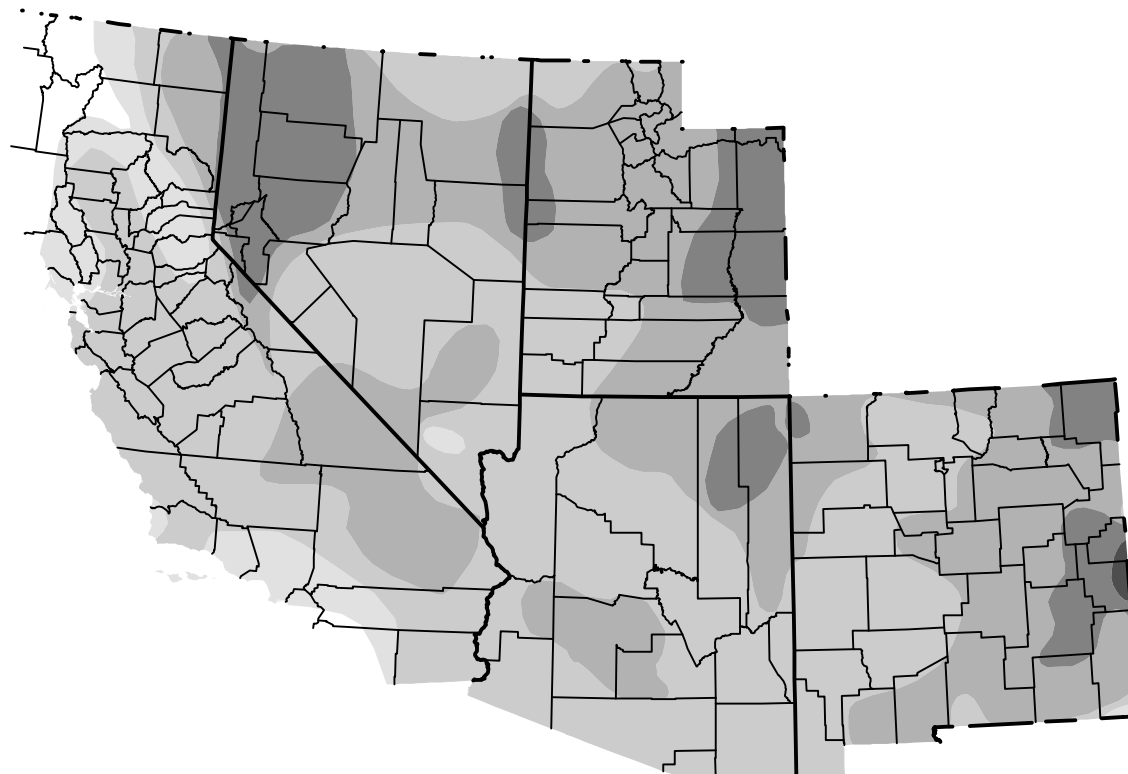


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.47	96.53	91.16	47.11	12.19	0.14
Last Week 09-27-2012	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
3 Months Ago 07-05-2012	4.44	95.56	86.73	66.36	16.26	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2012	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year 09-27-2012	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
One Year Ago 10-06-2011	53.71	46.29	33.58	26.55	17.17	7.68

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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