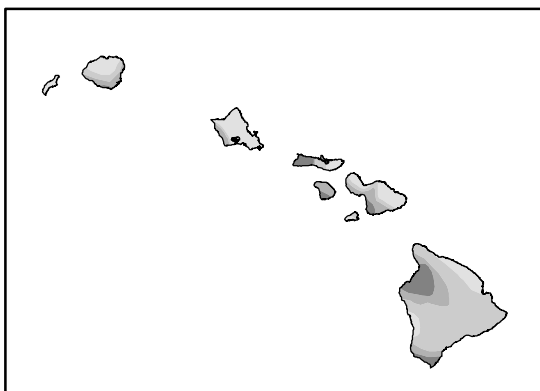
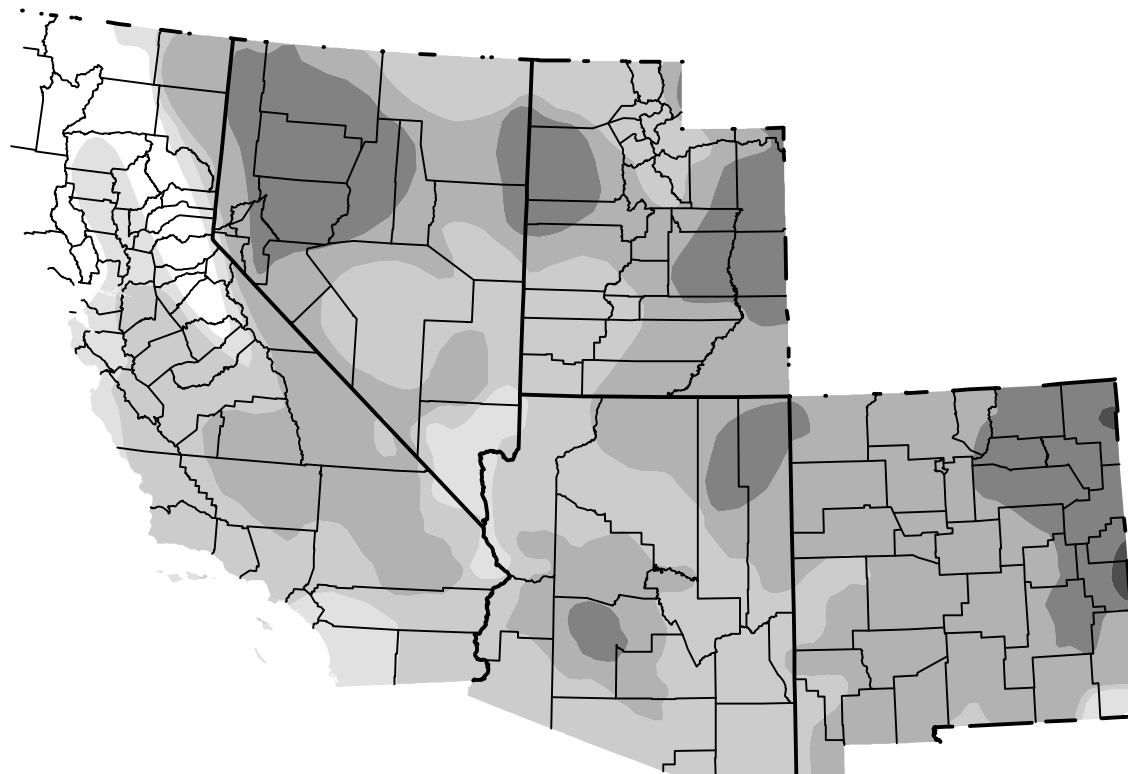


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.16	6.49	31.76	39.54	15.85	0.20
Last Week <i>11-29-2012</i>	1.81	8.08	34.06	40.43	15.43	0.20
3 Months Ago <i>09-06-2012</i>	3.34	5.27	38.85	39.98	12.42	0.13
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>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
One Year Ago <i>12-08-2011</i>	52.74	15.06	5.86	8.56	13.95	3.83

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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