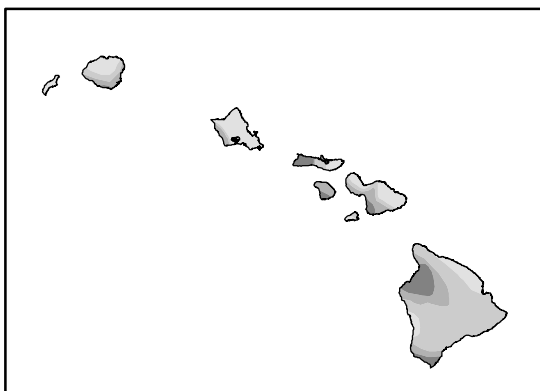
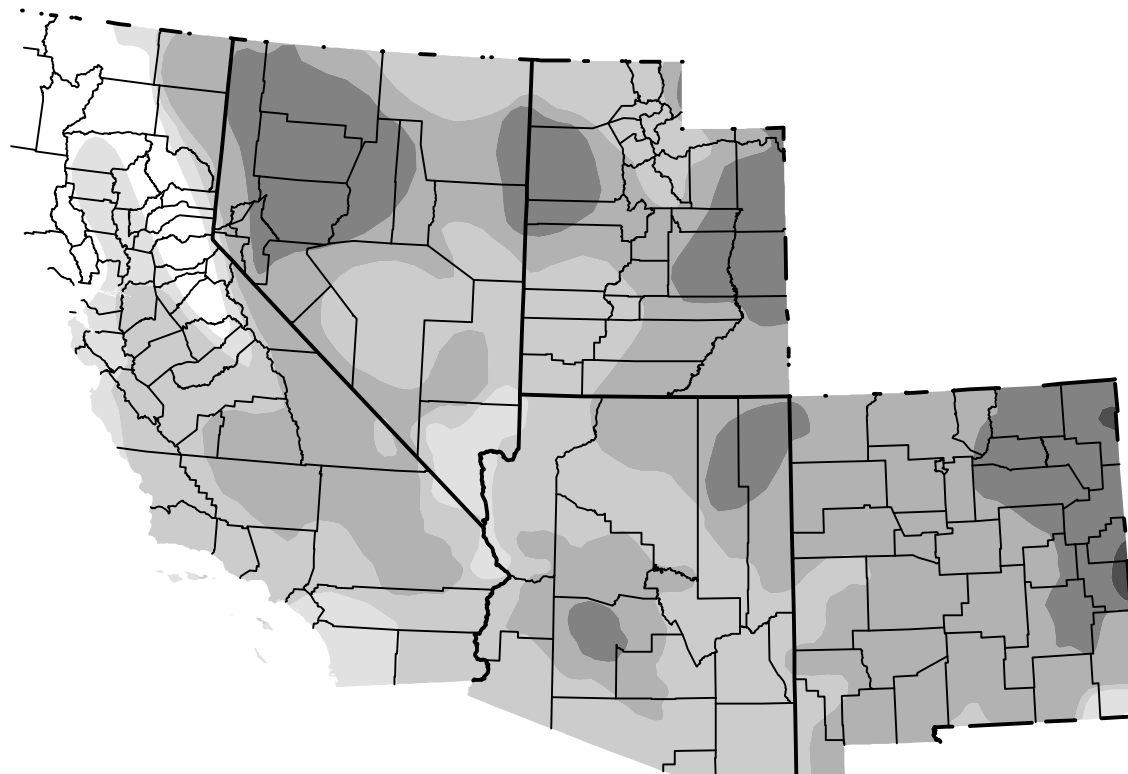


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.16	93.84	87.35	55.59	16.04	0.20
Last Week <i>11-29-2012</i>	1.81	98.19	90.11	56.05	15.63	0.20
3 Months Ago <i>09-06-2012</i>	3.34	96.66	91.38	52.53	12.56	0.13
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
One Year Ago <i>12-08-2011</i>	52.74	47.26	32.20	26.34	17.77	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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