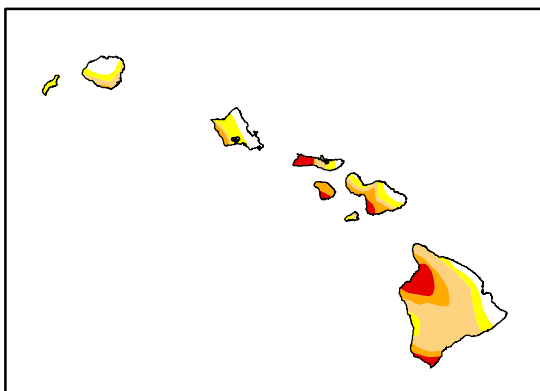
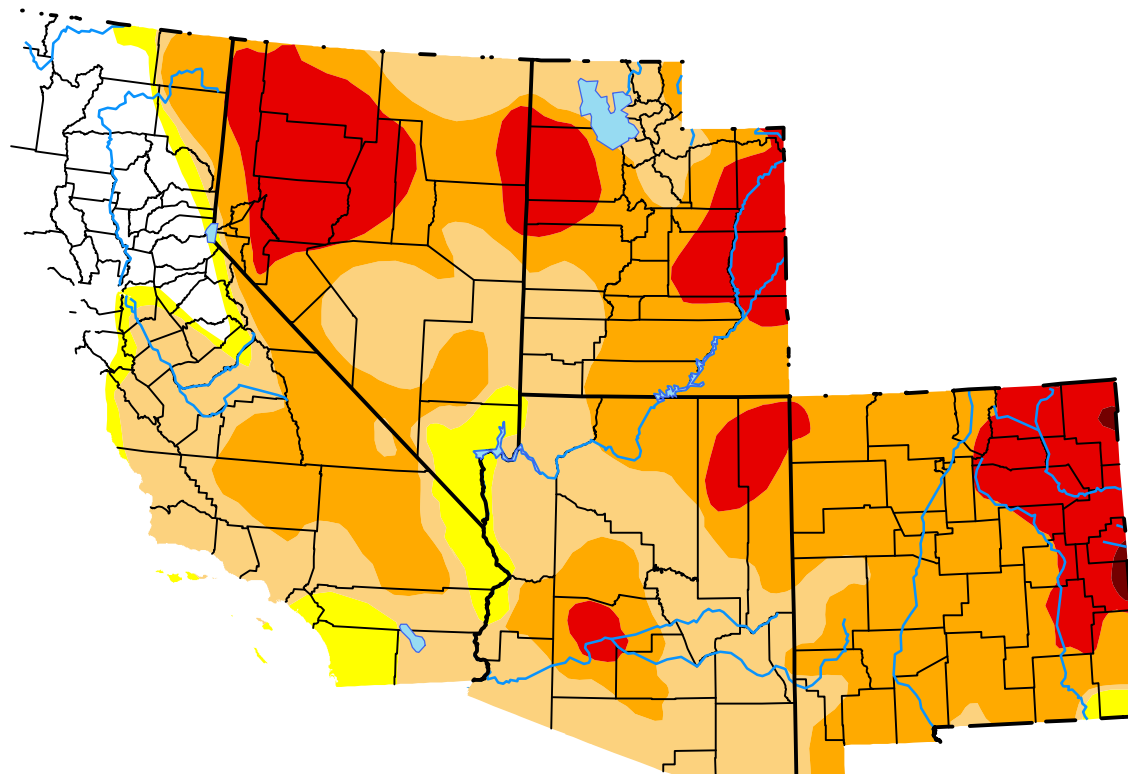


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.39	91.61	86.26	55.22	16.02	0.20
Last Week 12-20-2012	8.34	91.66	86.29	55.47	16.02	0.20
3 Months Ago 09-27-2012	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
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 12-29-2011	32.39	67.61	32.34	22.04	5.32	1.55

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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