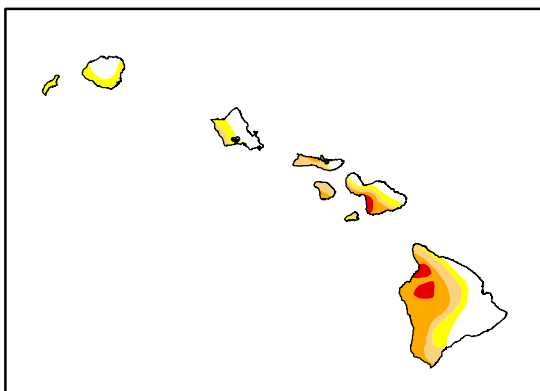
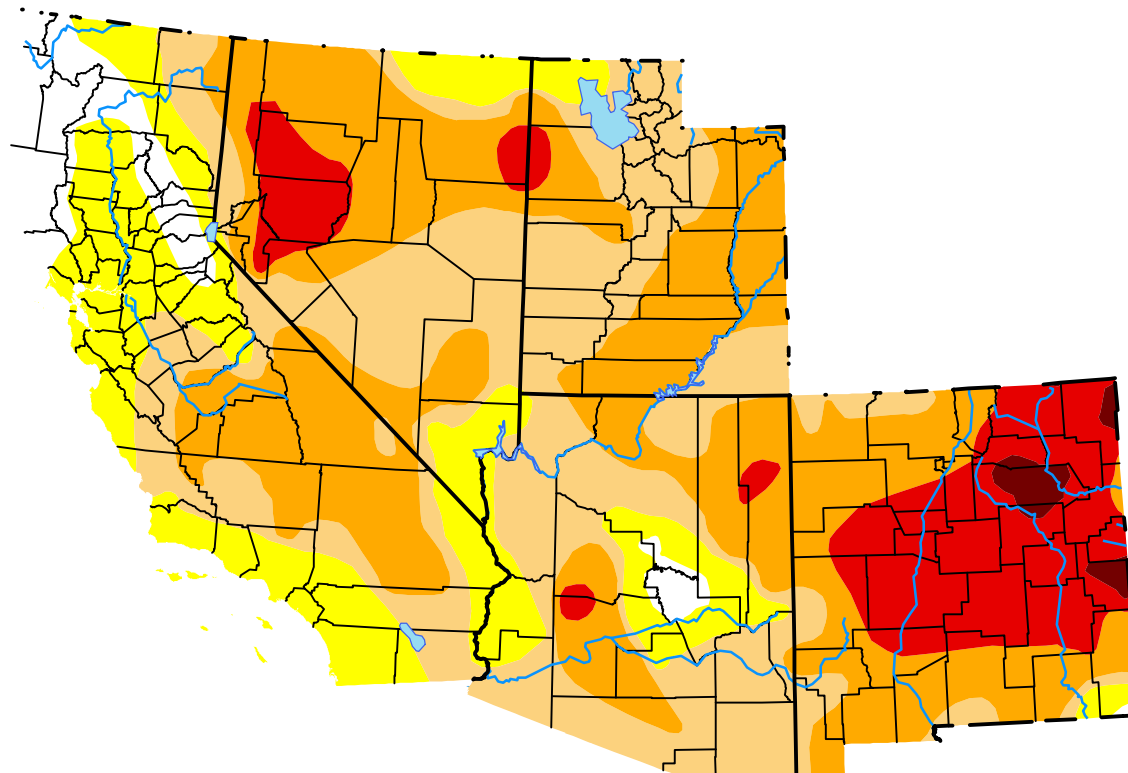


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.14	94.86	78.44	47.67	13.12	0.87
Last Week <i>03-07-2013</i>	0.41	99.59	79.31	49.21	13.12	0.87
3 Months Ago <i>12-13-2012</i>	8.27	91.73	86.95	56.30	16.04	0.20
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2013</i>	8.61	91.39	86.03	53.71	14.38	0.20
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>03-15-2012</i>	4.77	95.23	82.61	46.92	6.79	1.86

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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