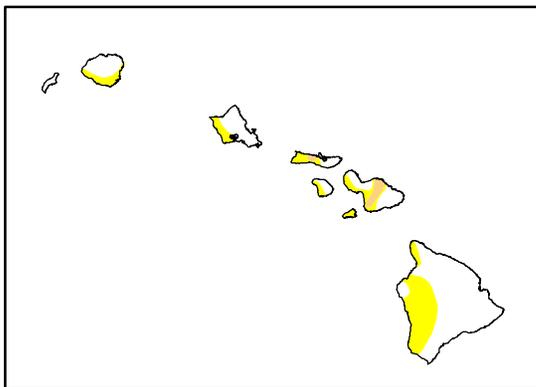
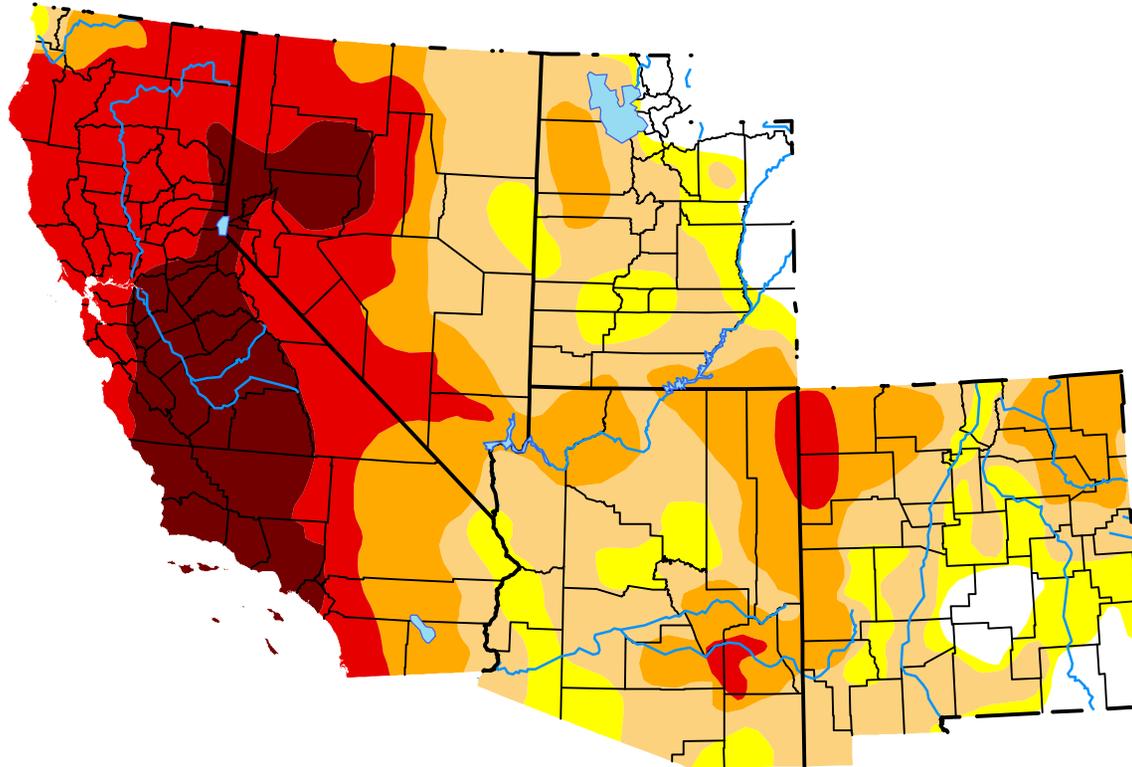


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 23, 2014**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	5.87	12.31	29.52	21.13	20.41	10.76
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-18-2014</i>	5.87	12.31	29.52	21.13	20.41	10.76
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-25-2014</i>	5.50	11.09	29.54	20.69	15.46	17.72
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2014</i>	5.09	17.45	28.09	35.90	12.47	1.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2014</i>	6.10	11.87	28.57	20.35	15.39	17.72
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-26-2013</i>	5.03	17.52	28.78	35.21	12.47	1.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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