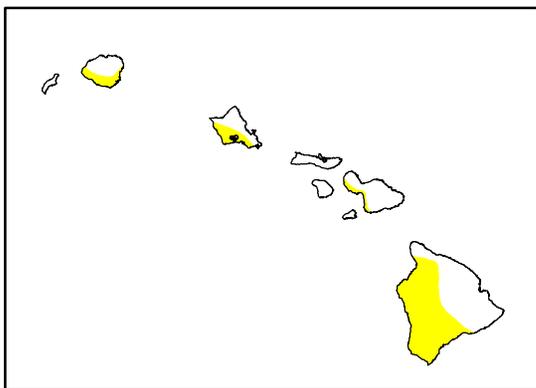
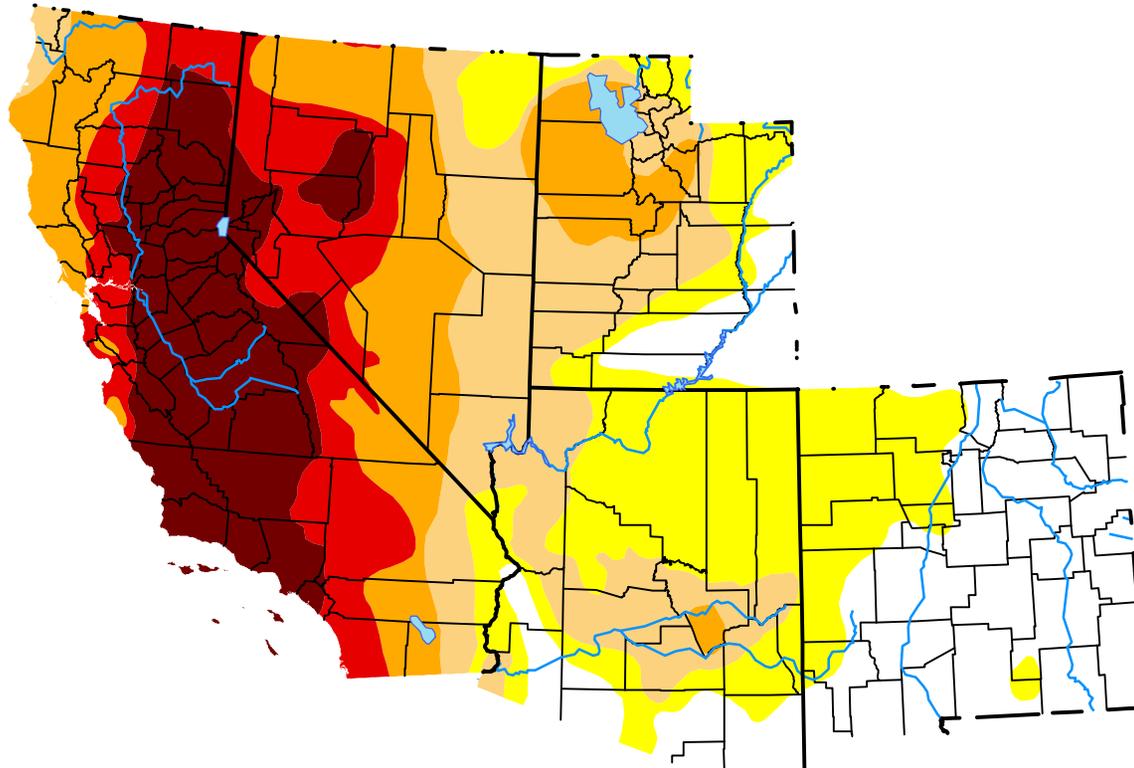


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 15, 2015**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	21.94	21.47	16.77	15.58	10.59	13.64
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-10-2015</i>	22.06	21.36	16.34	15.97	10.63	13.64
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-17-2015</i>	14.05	17.26	25.15	17.70	10.67	15.17
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2014</i>	5.87	12.38	29.47	21.11	20.41	10.76
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	17.62	22.93	17.26	10.67	15.17
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2014</i>	5.87	12.31	29.52	21.13	20.41	10.76

***Intensity:***



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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