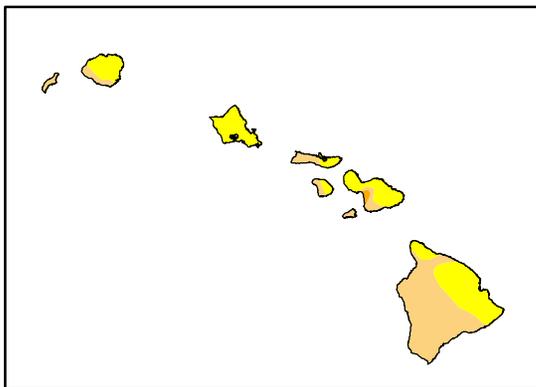
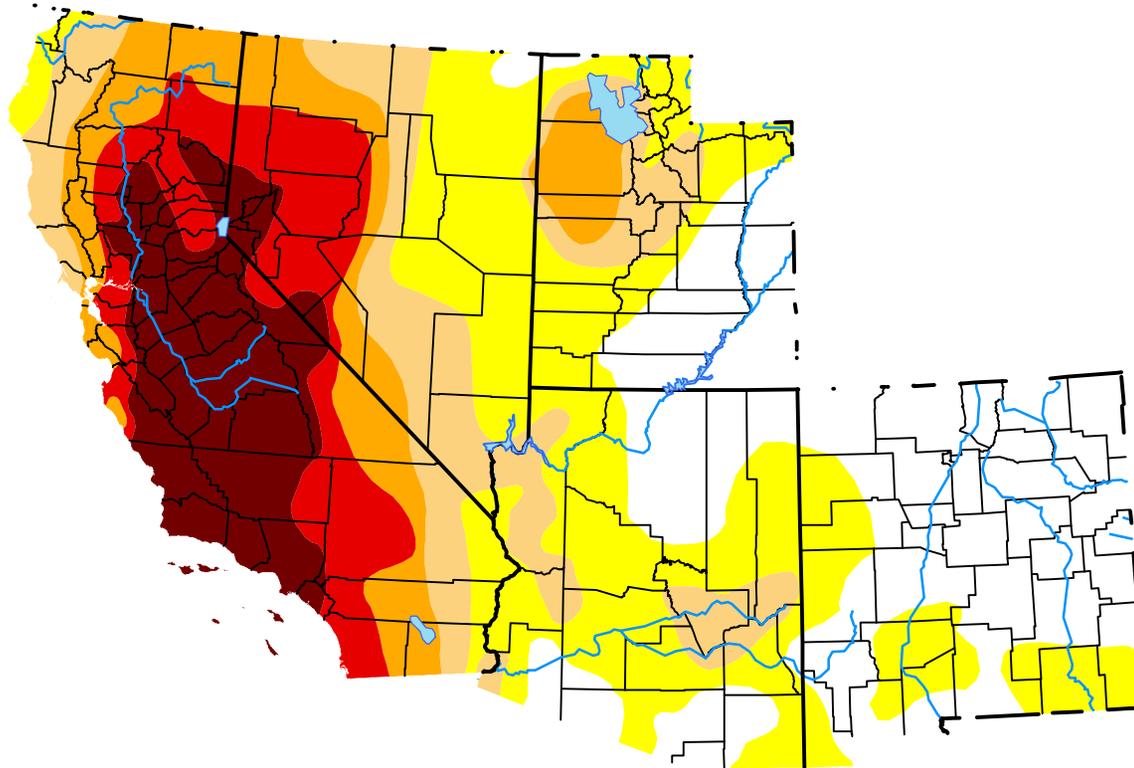


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**February 23, 2016**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	26.84	73.16	44.60	30.45	20.47	11.06
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-18-2016</i>	32.39	67.61	44.69	30.44	20.61	11.06
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-25-2015</i>	21.96	78.04	59.89	40.87	24.67	13.64
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2015</i>	21.87	78.13	56.46	38.84	24.23	13.64
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-26-2015</i>	4.23	95.77	88.16	49.84	28.79	14.02

***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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