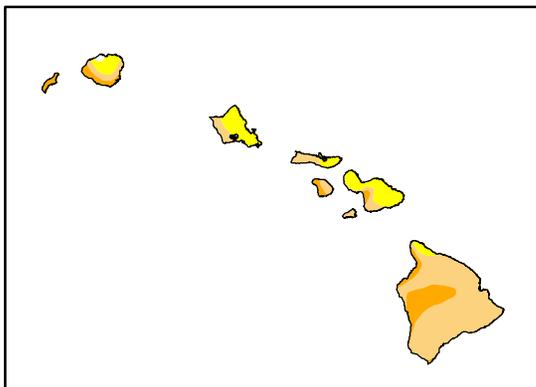
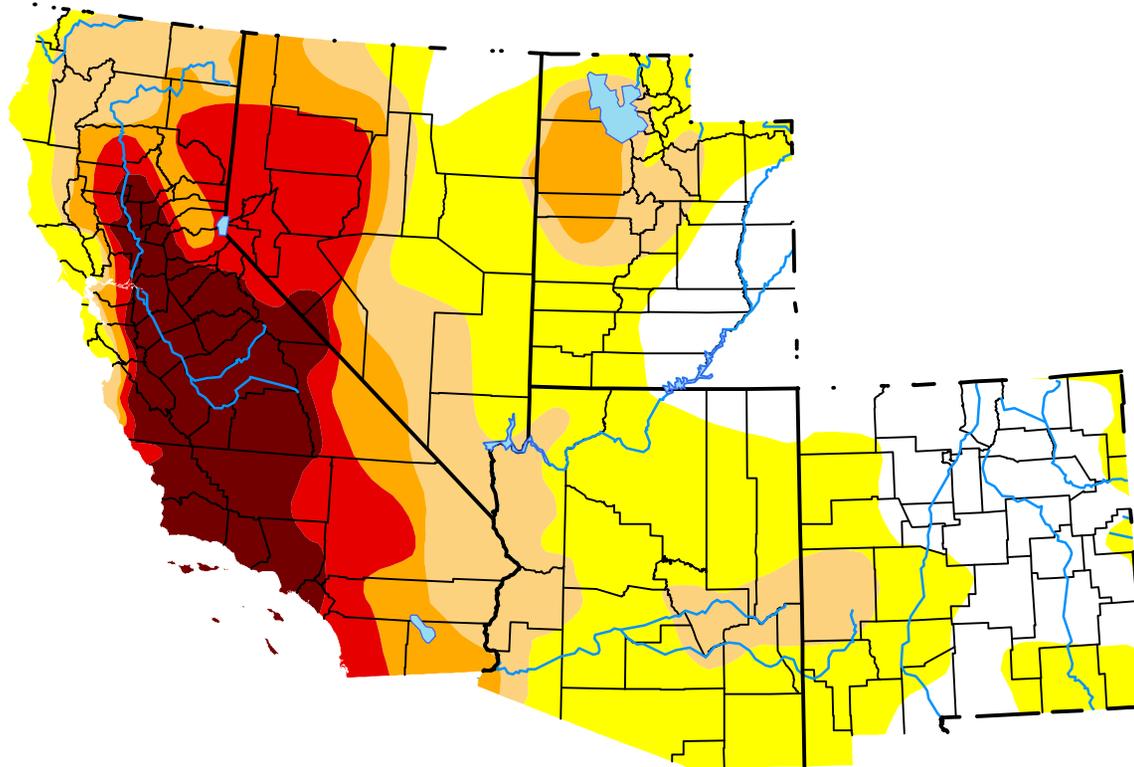


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.64	81.36	46.69	28.53	19.00	9.43
Last Week <i>03-10-2016</i>	20.46	79.54	46.37	30.95	20.47	11.06
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2015</i>	21.94	78.06	56.59	39.82	24.24	13.64
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2015</i>	21.87	78.13	56.46	38.84	24.23	13.64
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2015</i>	4.18	95.82	88.66	49.68	27.27	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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