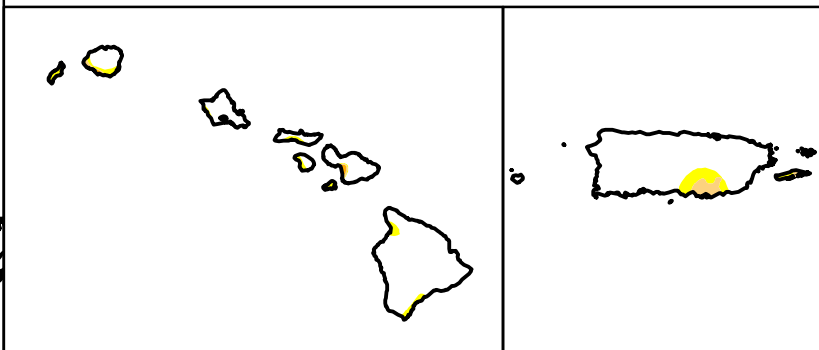
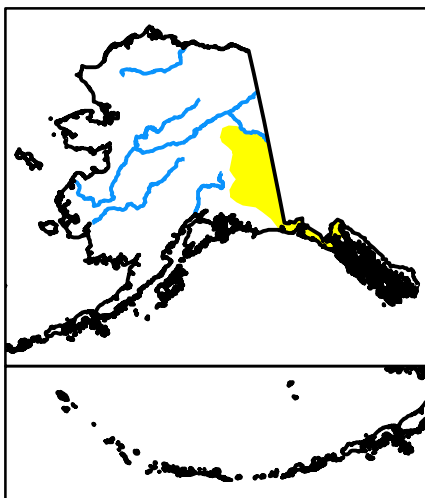
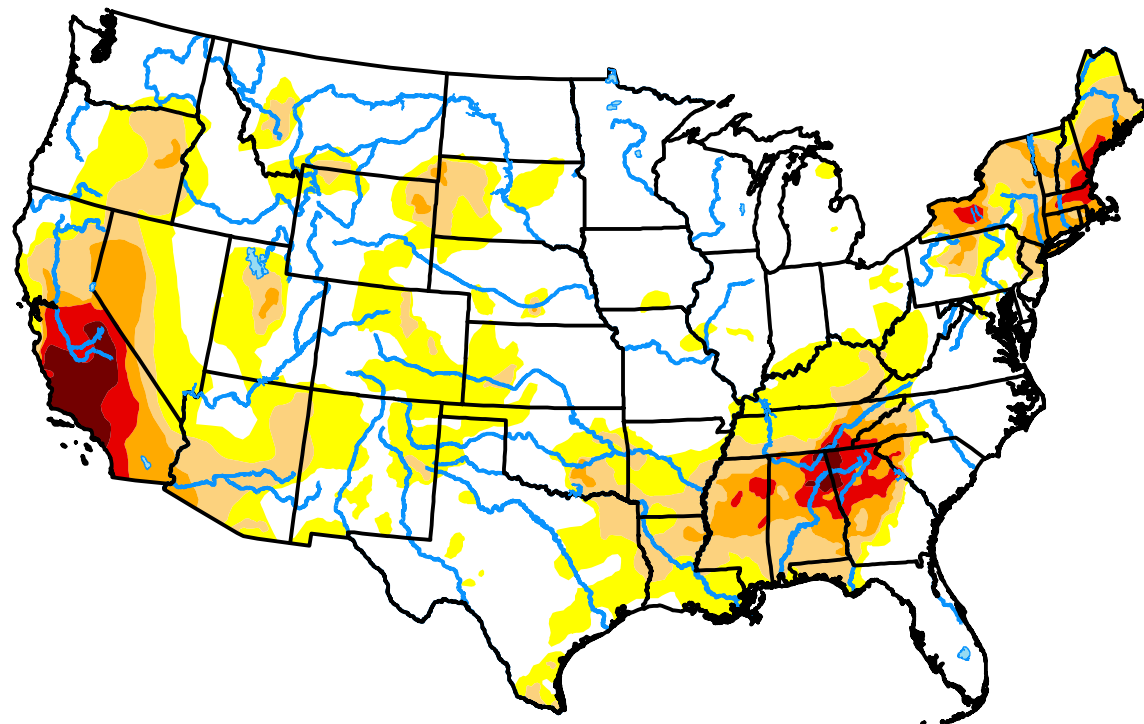


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.22	38.76	18.47	8.07	3.23	1.09
Last Week <i>10-11-2016</i>	62.70	37.29	16.82	7.25	2.88	1.05
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2016</i>	55.45	44.54	15.74	5.68	2.39	0.92
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2015</i>	70.63	29.36	15.70	9.67	5.25	2.26
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2016</i>	61.21	38.78	15.84	6.77	2.67	0.97
One Year Ago <i>10-20-2015</i>	46.97	53.02	29.10	19.44	12.06	3.14

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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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