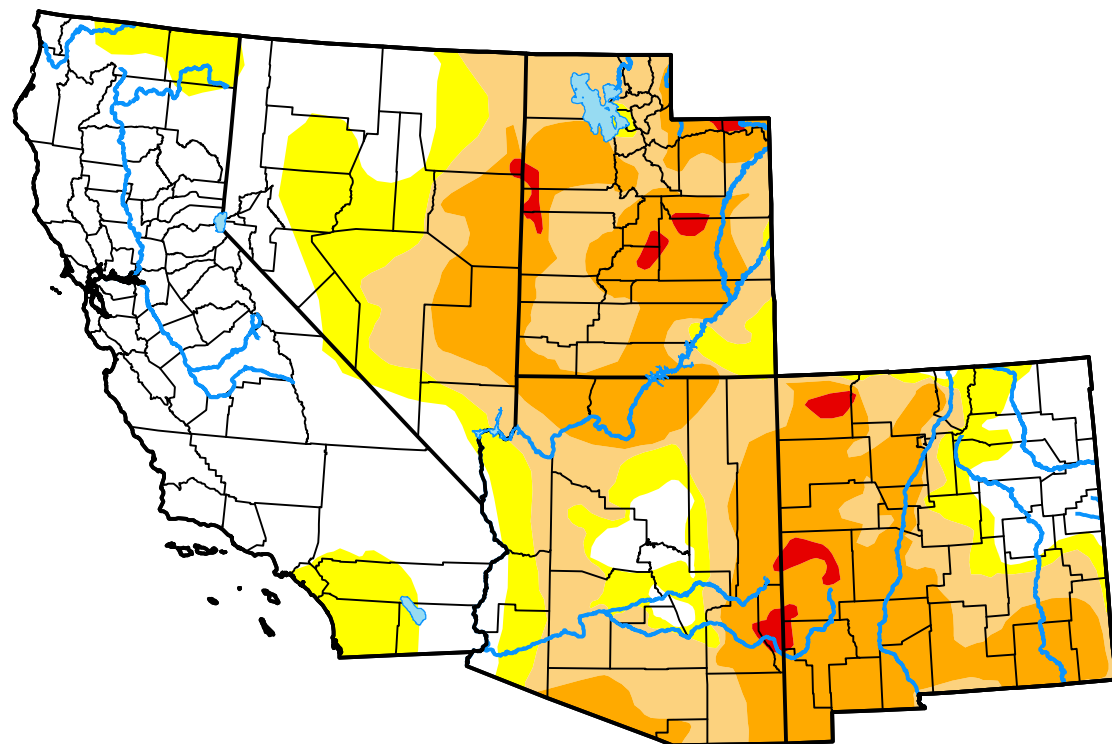


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.64	64.36	48.54	25.98	1.33	0.00
Last Week 12-09-2025	36.24	63.76	48.52	24.57	1.12	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-16-2025	11.51	88.49	70.81	53.59	14.62	1.08
Start of Calendar Year 01-07-2025	23.61	76.39	44.18	20.86	5.91	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	11.81	88.19	72.96	49.39	11.73	0.78
One Year Ago 12-17-2024	27.08	72.92	29.97	16.57	5.30	0.00

Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

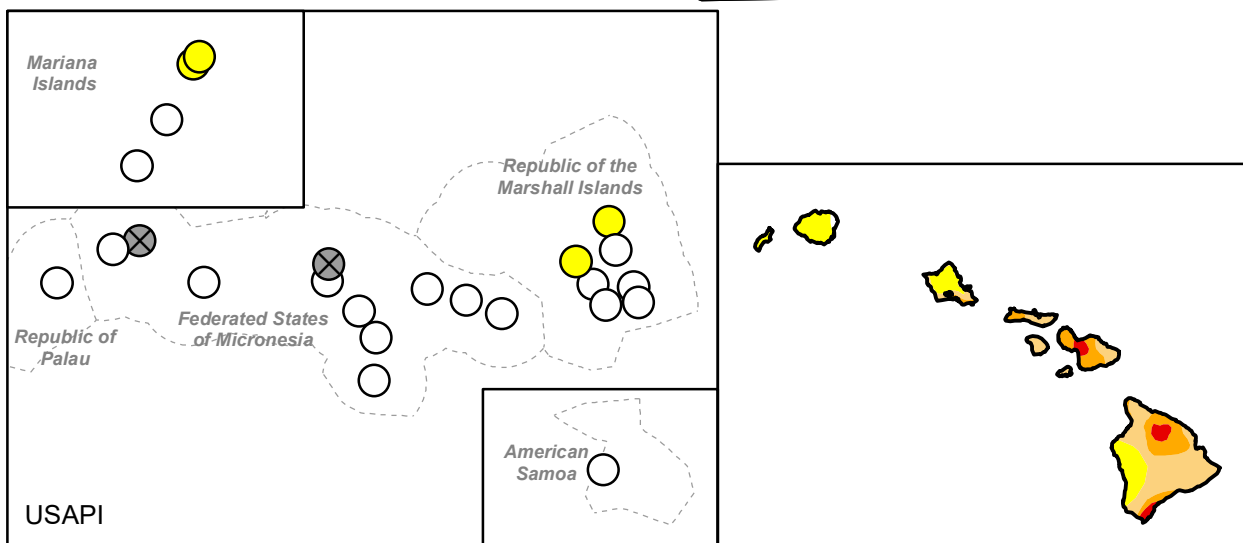
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