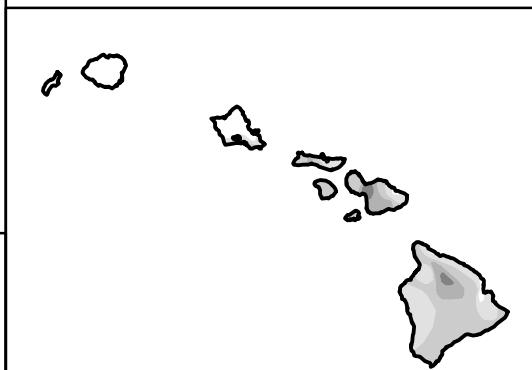
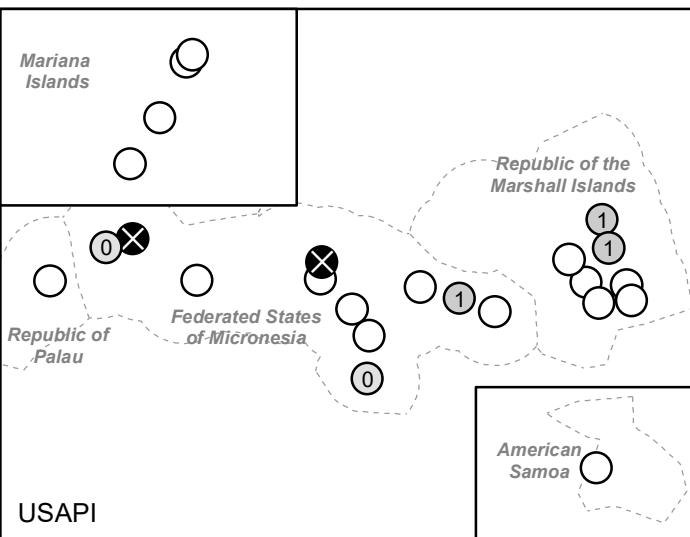
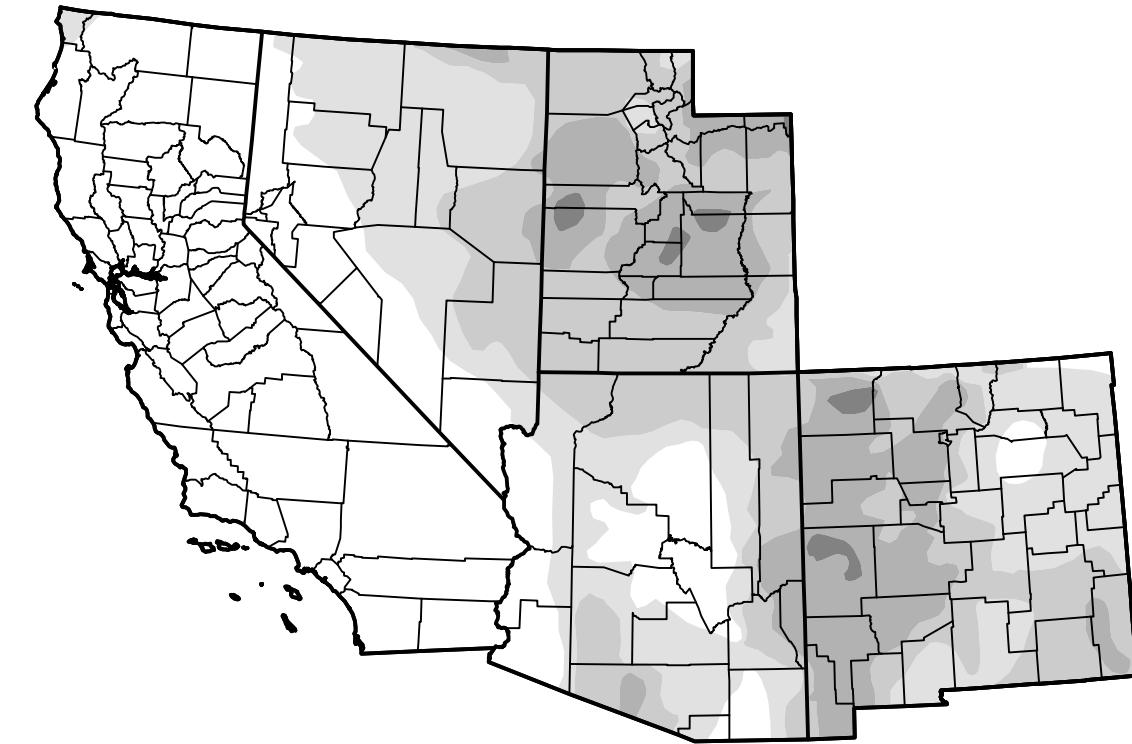


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.68	60.32	37.88	15.19	0.90	0.00
Last Week 02-10-2026	39.20	60.80	39.18	15.23	0.78	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-18-2025	27.35	72.65	59.53	33.61	5.38	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	42.93	57.07	42.18	20.03	1.24	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	11.81	88.19	72.96	49.39	11.73	0.78
One Year Ago 02-18-2025	17.58	82.42	63.86	39.92	21.27	0.52

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

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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