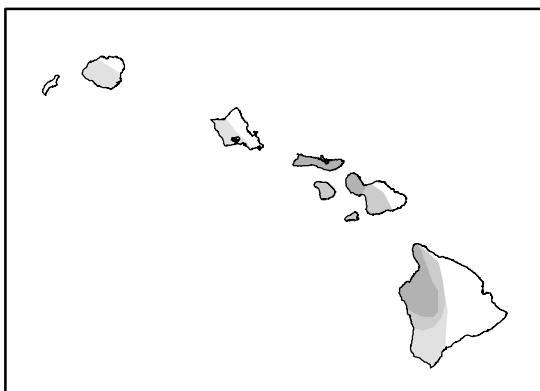
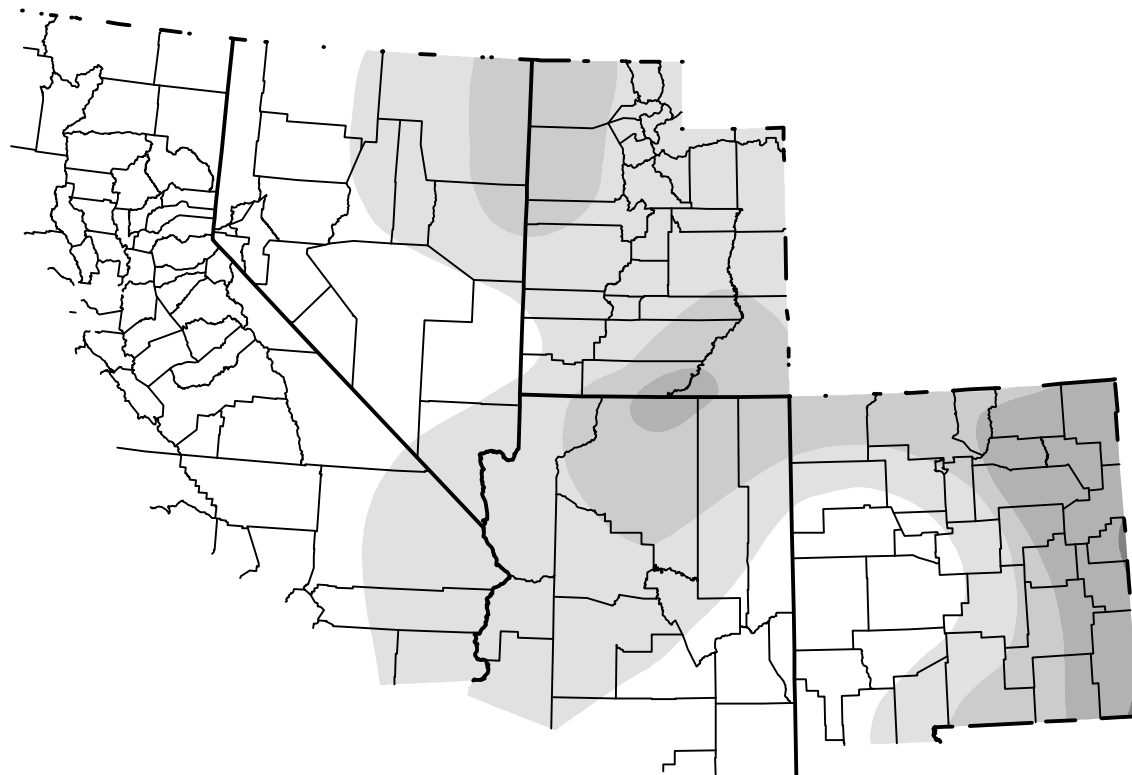


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.61 | 54.39 | 21.43 | 6.57  | 0.08  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-12-2000</i>              | 32.08 | 67.92 | 31.91 | 8.97  | 0.15  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-20-2000</i>           | 47.87 | 52.13 | 5.66  | 0.59  | 0.19  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2000</i> | 61.20 | 38.80 | 0.97  | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2000</i>    | 38.83 | 61.17 | 25.82 | 7.12  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b>                                | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -    |

### 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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