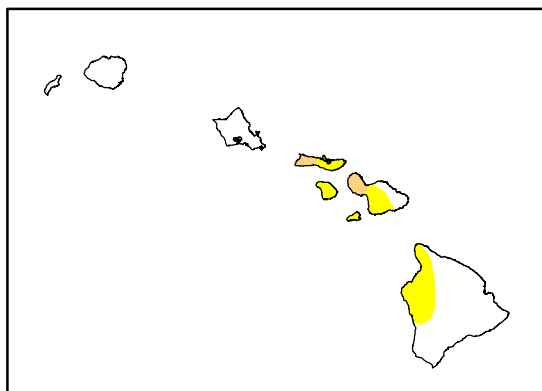
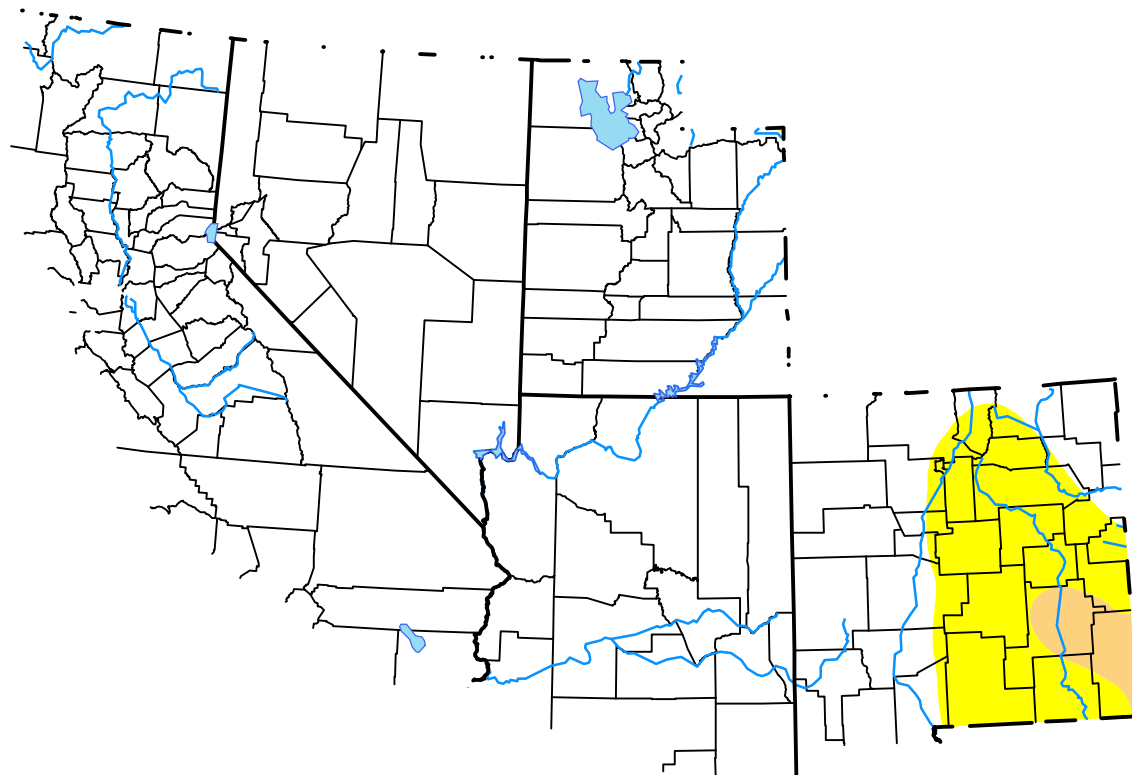


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	90.20	8.48	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-07-2000	90.10	8.43	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-14-2000	42.07	34.80	19.32	3.71	0.11	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2000	61.20	37.83	0.94	0.02	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2000	38.83	35.34	18.71	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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