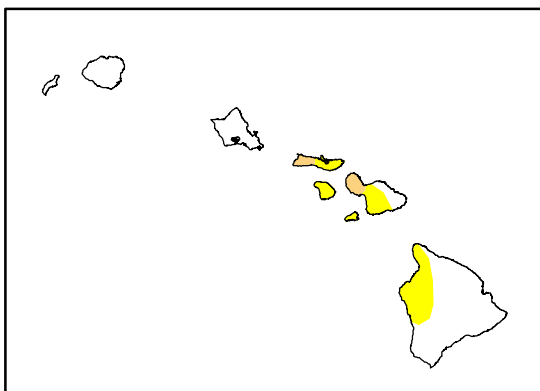
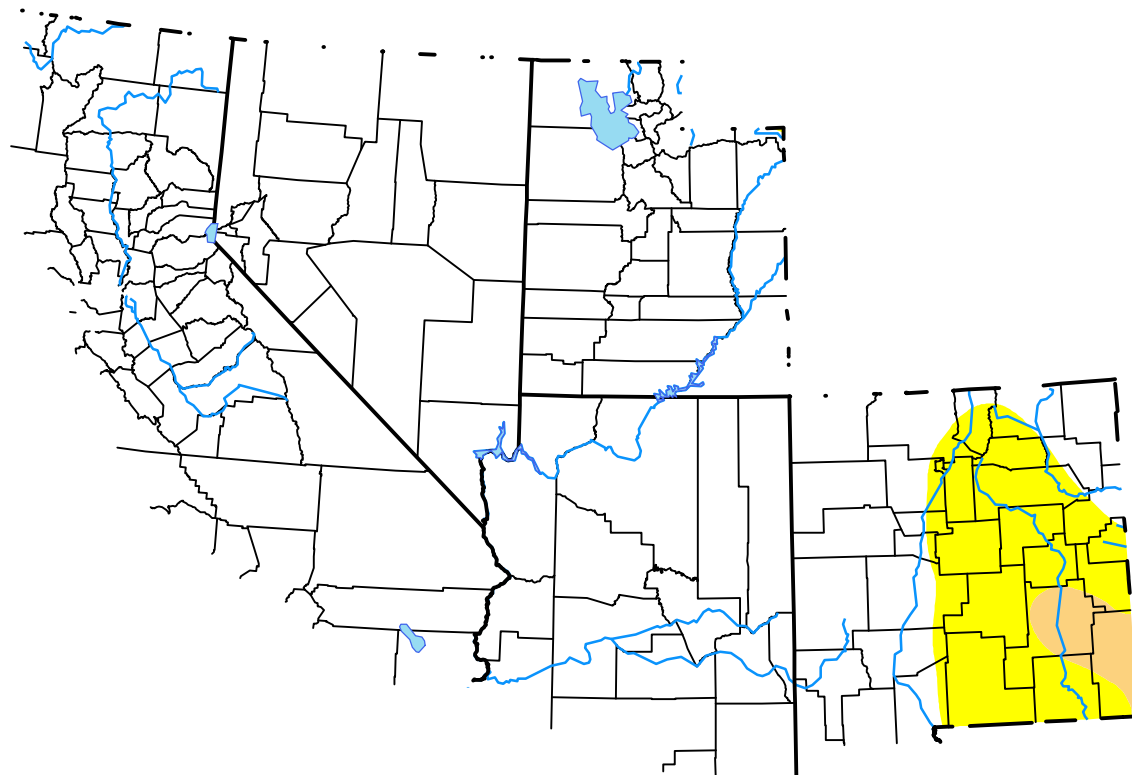


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.20	9.80	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-07-2000</i>	90.10	9.90	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-14-2000</i>	42.07	57.93	23.14	3.82	0.11	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2000</i>	61.20	38.80	0.97	0.02	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2000</i>	38.83	61.17	25.82	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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