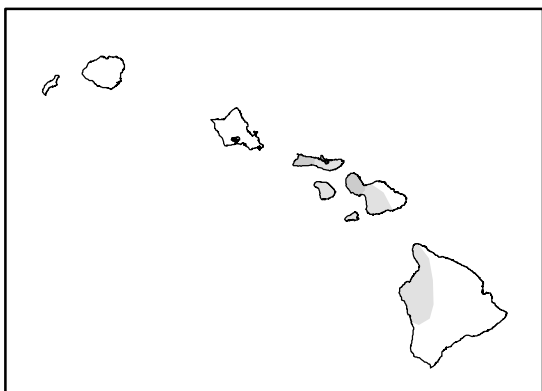
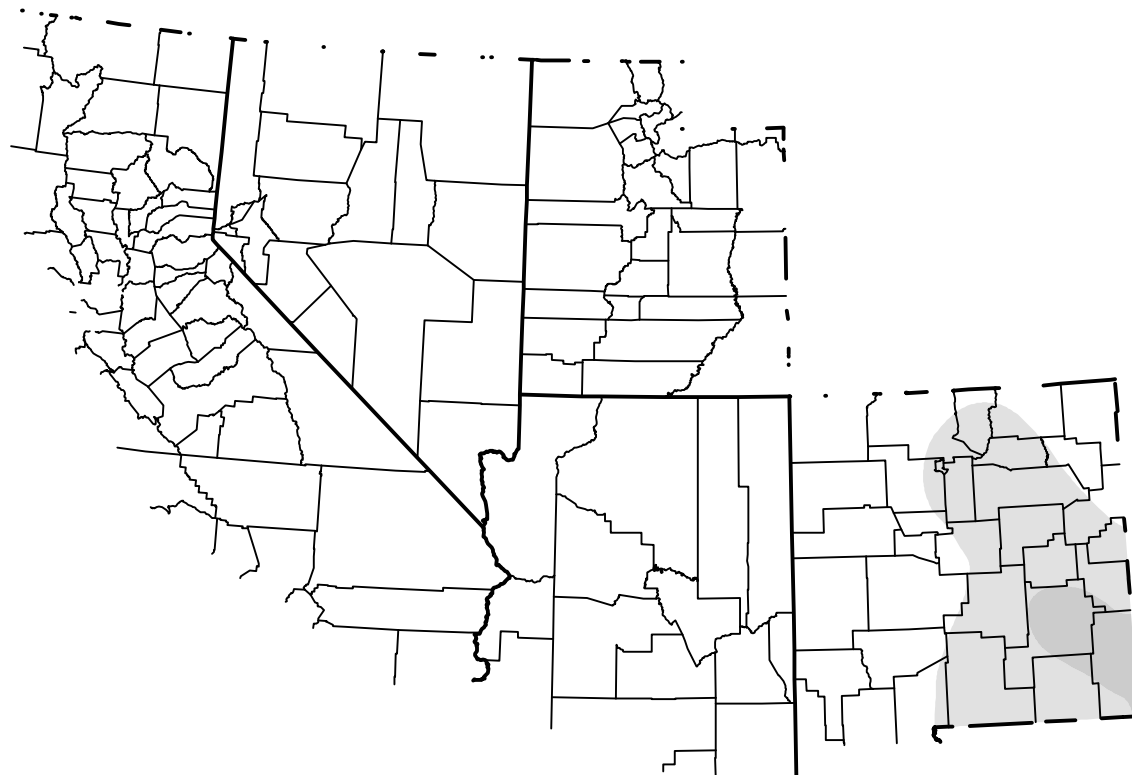


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	90.71	7.84	1.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2000</i>	90.20	8.48	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2000</i>	42.06	34.80	16.32	6.83	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2000</i>	61.20	37.83	0.94	0.02	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2000</i>	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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