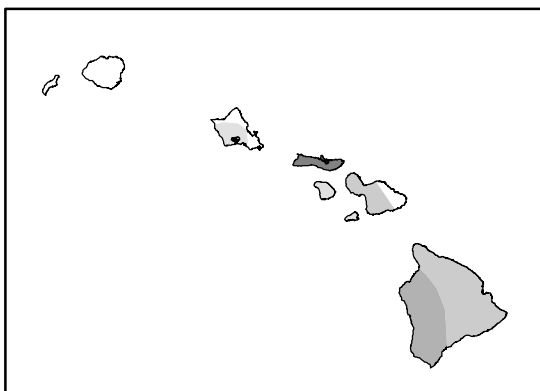
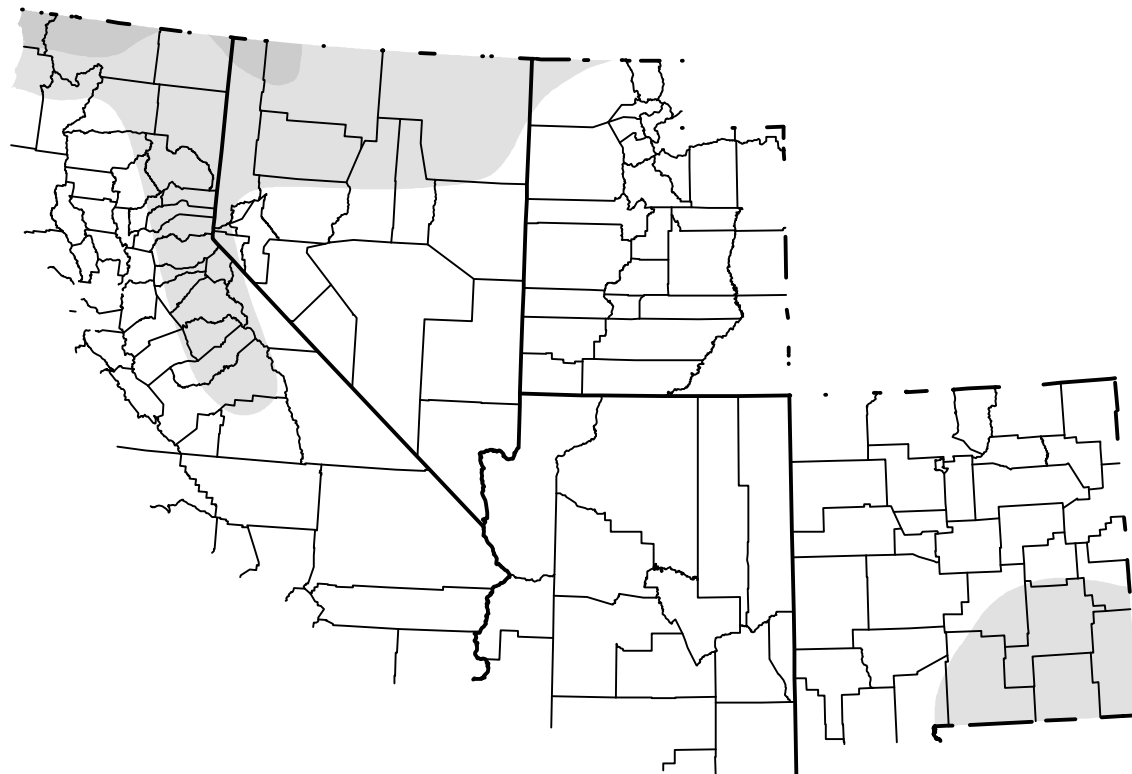


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	80.07	17.89	1.72	0.27	0.04	0.00
Last Week <i>02-22-2001</i>	80.91	17.33	1.47	0.28	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-30-2000</i>	88.72	9.81	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2001</i>	83.72	14.98	1.30	0.00	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 <i>03-02-2000</i>	53.39	29.71	15.69	1.22	0.00	0.00

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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