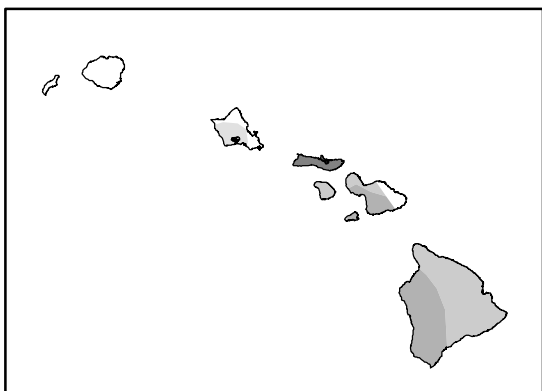
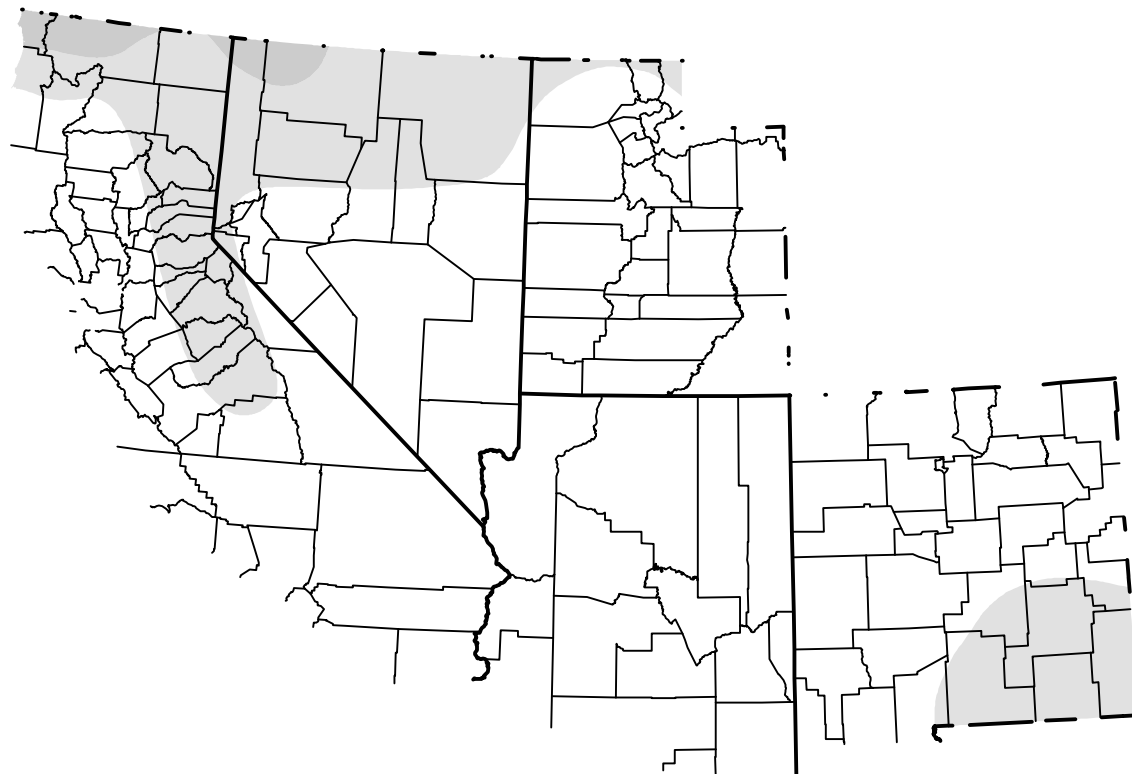


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	79.87	17.93	1.83	0.34	0.04	0.00
Last Week <i>03-08-2001</i>	80.07	17.74	1.87	0.27	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2000</i>	90.20	8.48	1.33	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>03-16-2000</i>	71.52	16.38	10.90	1.19	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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