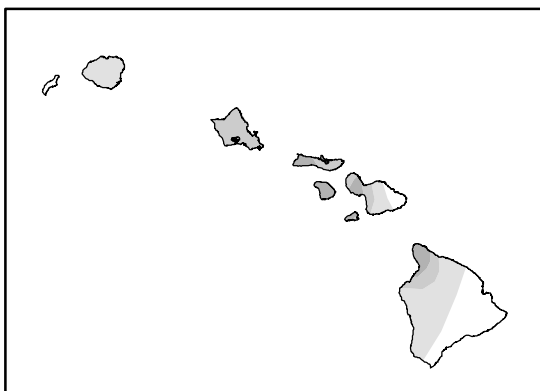
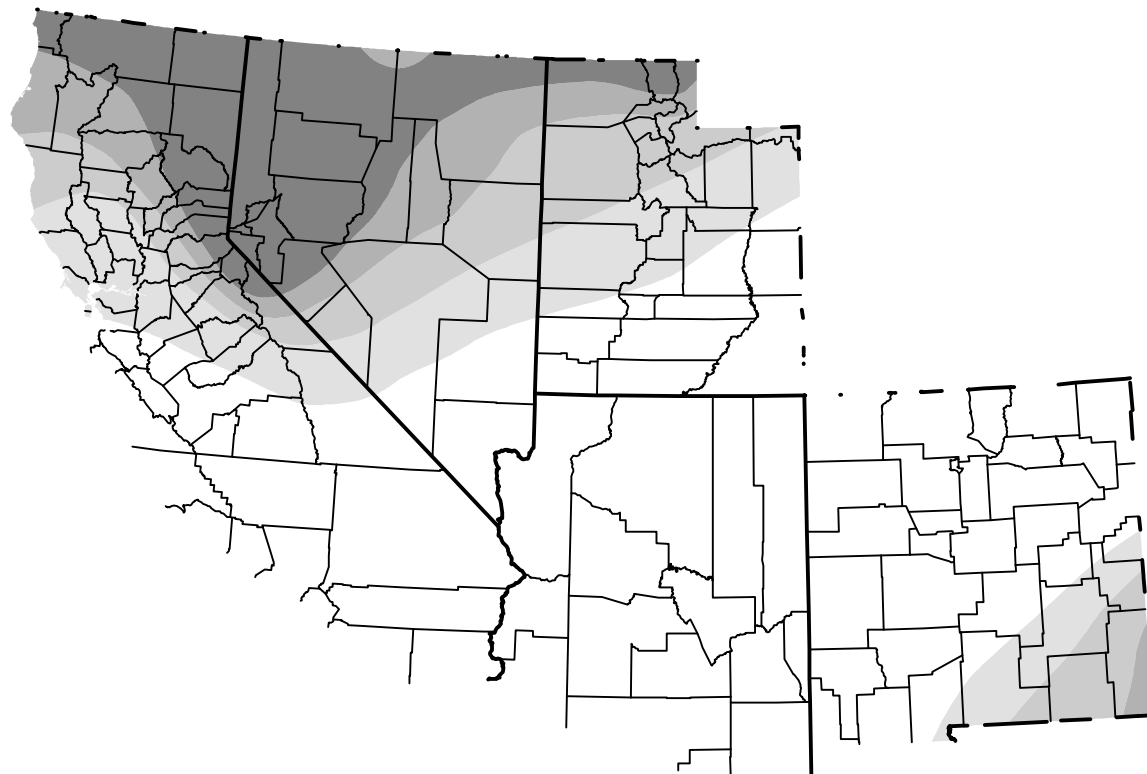


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	59.05	12.92	9.21	6.51	12.31	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2001</i>	57.96	15.32	8.73	7.46	10.52	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2001</i>	75.43	13.06	10.25	1.20	0.06	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>08-24-2000</i>	38.27	36.85	21.85	2.90	0.12	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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