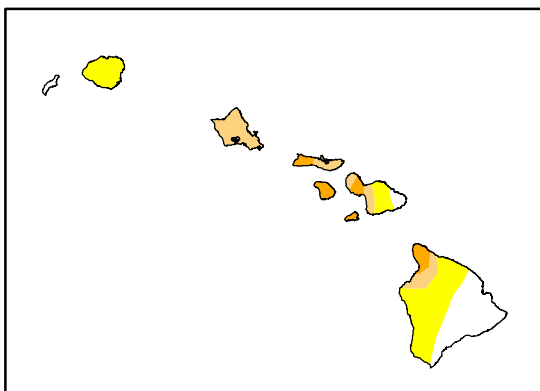
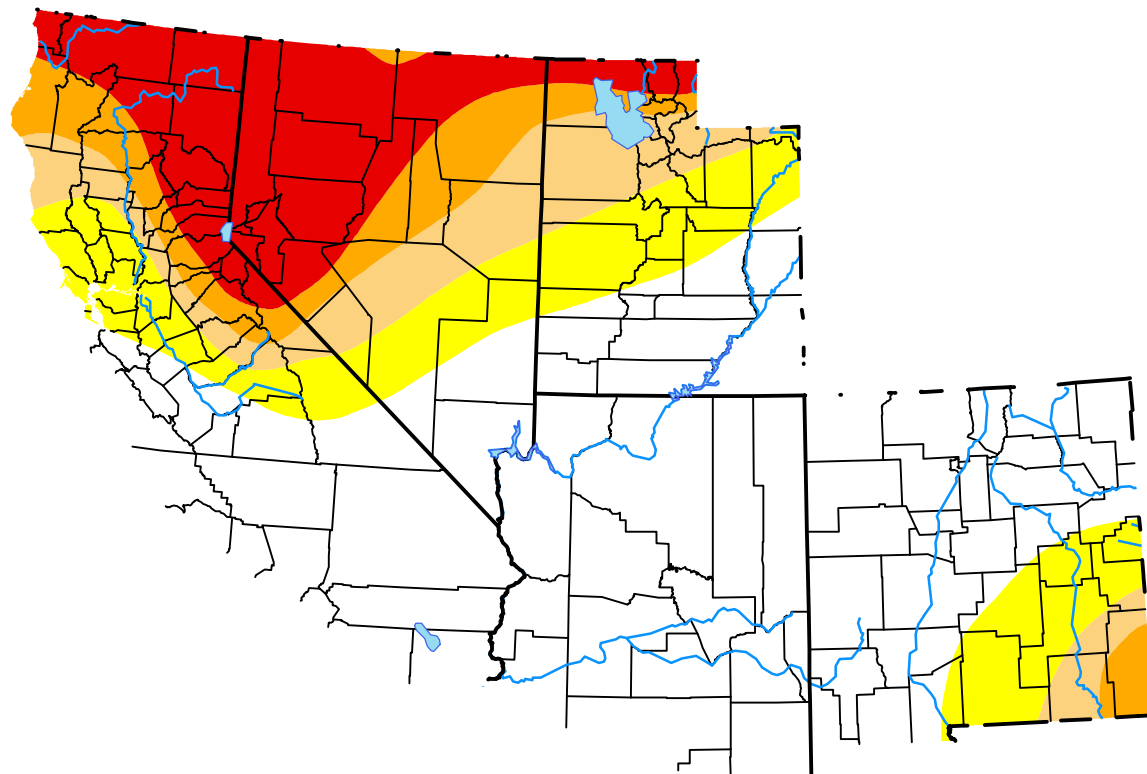


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.63	43.37	29.04	19.96	13.13	0.00
Last Week <i>08-23-2001</i>	59.05	40.95	28.03	18.82	12.31	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-31-2001</i>	75.43	24.57	11.51	2.71	0.05	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2001</i>	83.72	16.28	1.30	0.00	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 <i>08-31-2000</i>	31.32	68.68	26.07	2.88	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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