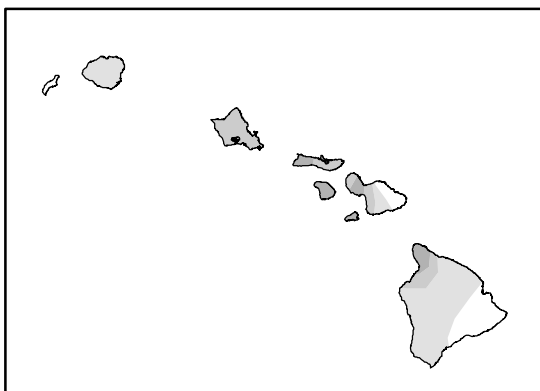
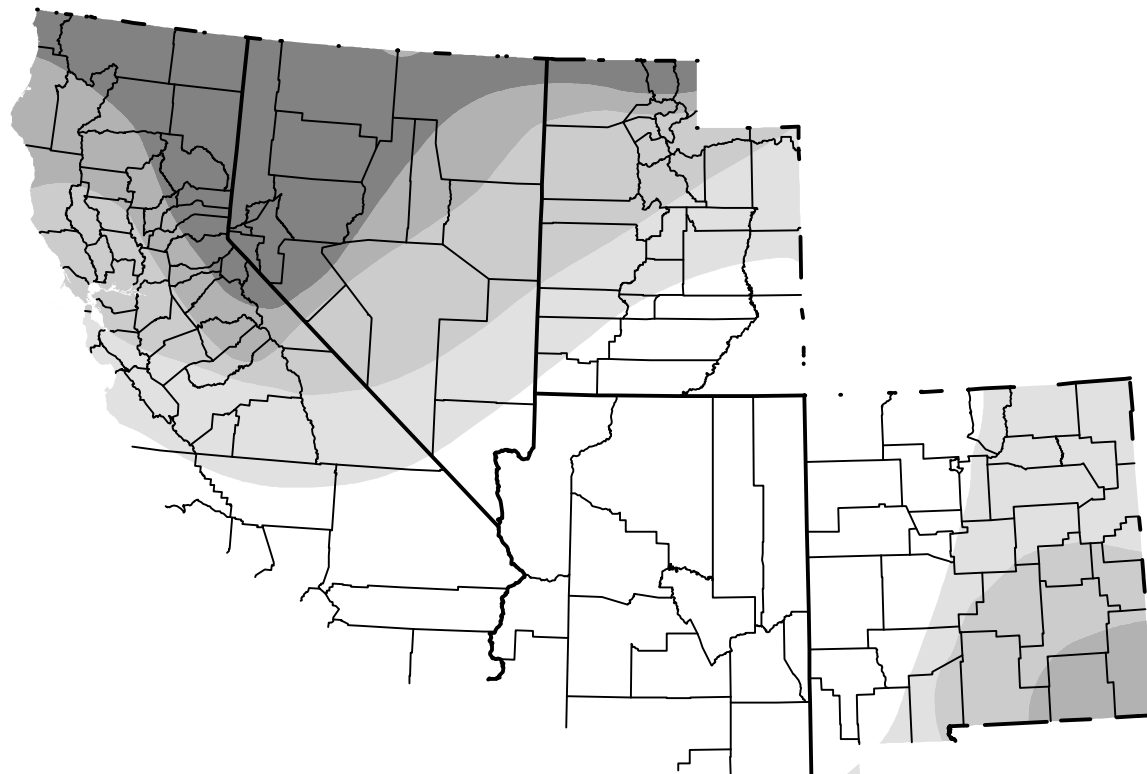


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.73	57.27	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
Last Week 09-13-2001	42.85	57.15	38.79	22.36	13.29	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-21-2001	46.11	53.89	20.50	9.08	0.06	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2001	83.72	16.28	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2000	38.83	61.17	25.82	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-21-2000	42.06	57.94	23.14	6.83	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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