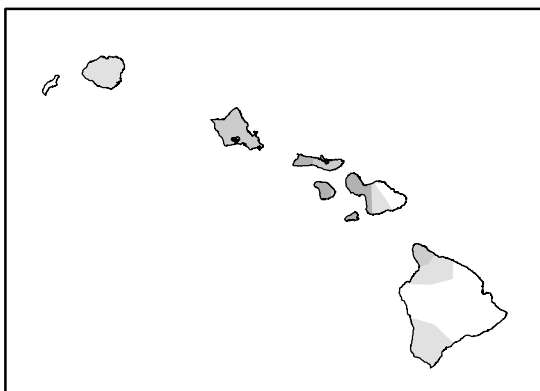
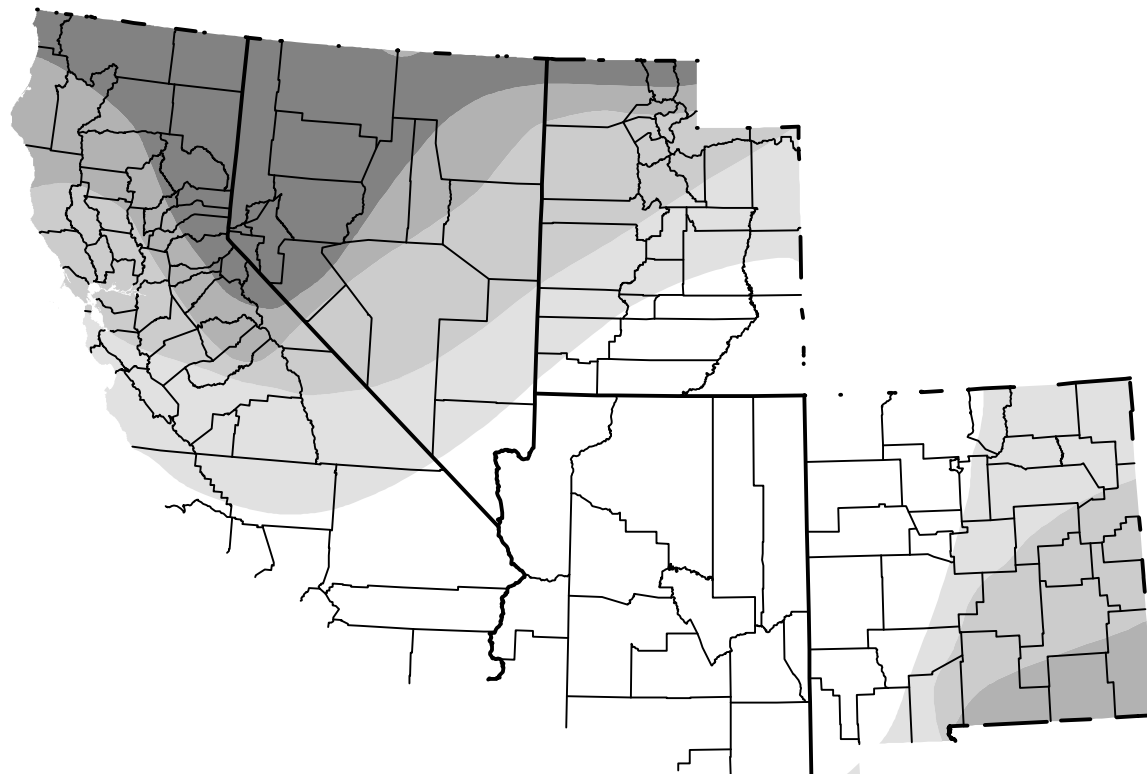


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	41.73	18.25	17.22	9.62	13.19	0.00
Last Week <i>10-18-2001</i>	41.73	19.19	16.29	9.60	13.19	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-26-2001</i>	56.68	16.45	8.91	8.71	9.25	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>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-26-2000</i>	46.80	36.08	14.04	3.07	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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