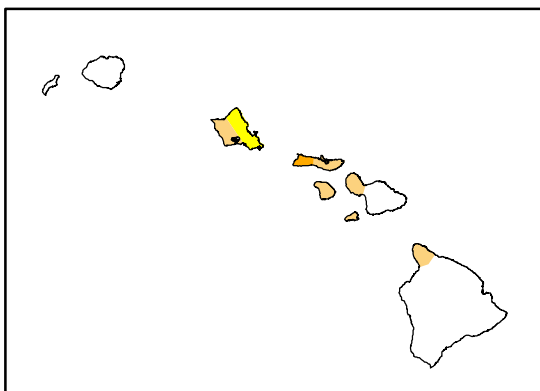
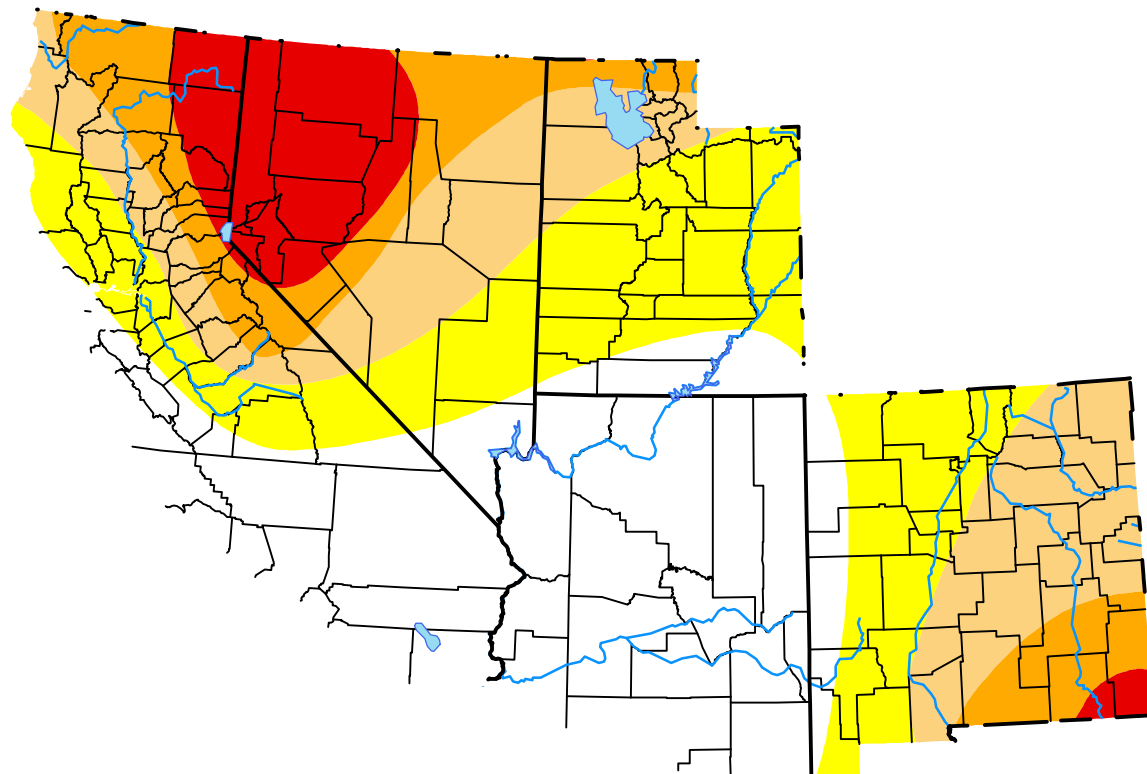


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.86	62.14	37.85	18.81	8.73	0.00
Last Week <i>11-29-2001</i>	35.96	64.04	40.77	22.84	13.32	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-06-2001</i>	56.93	43.07	29.04	19.98	13.13	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>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-07-2000</i>	90.10	9.90	1.48	0.00	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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