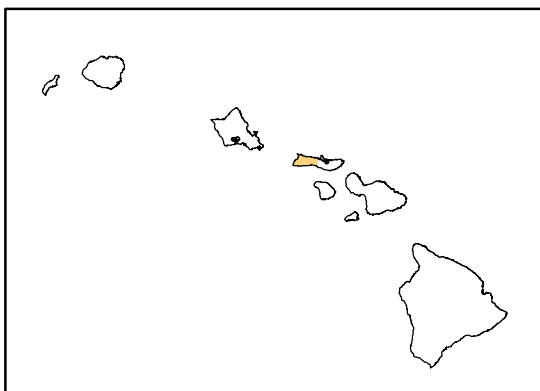
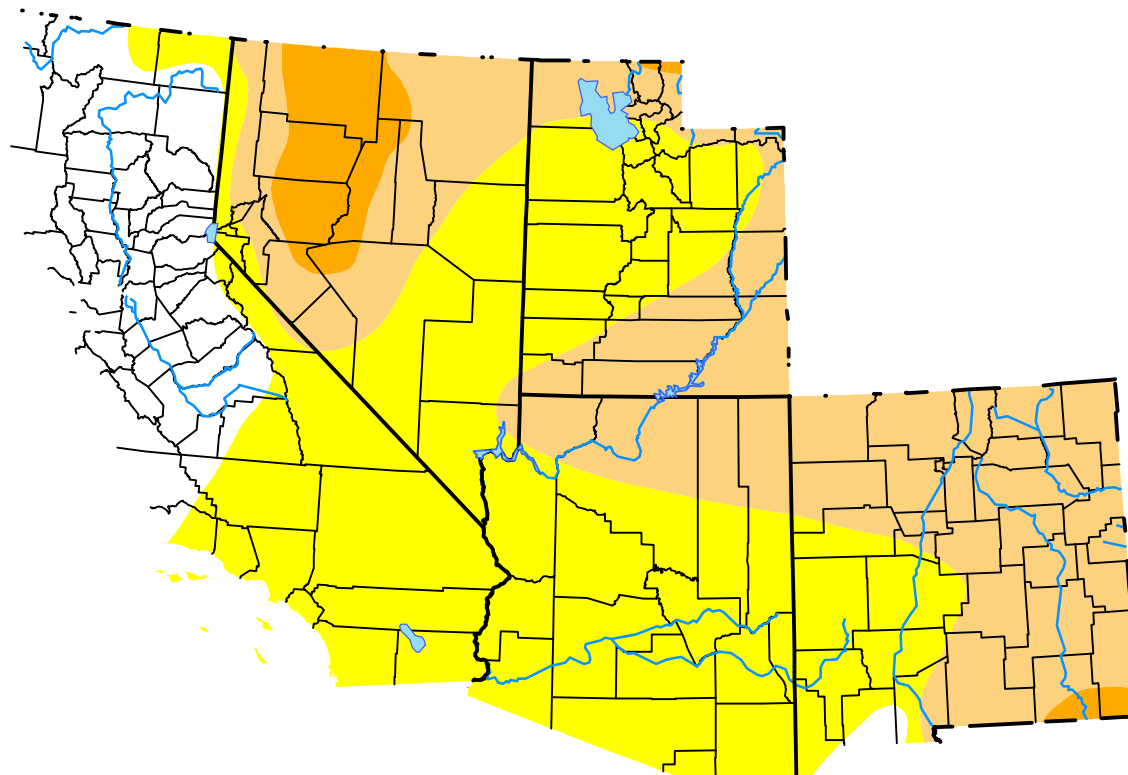


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.51 | 84.49 | 37.21 | 4.51  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-28-2002</i>              | 15.53 | 84.47 | 37.41 | 5.04  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2001</i>           | 37.86 | 62.14 | 37.85 | 18.81 | 8.73  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 45.56 | 54.44 | 31.77 | 13.87 | 4.71  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2001</i>    | 42.72 | 57.28 | 39.13 | 22.36 | 13.29 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-08-2001</i>           | 80.07 | 19.93 | 2.18  | 0.32  | 0.04  | 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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