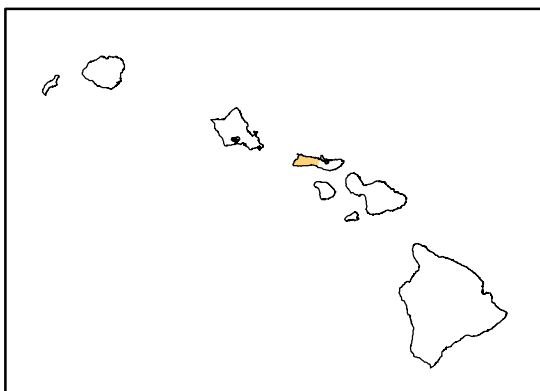
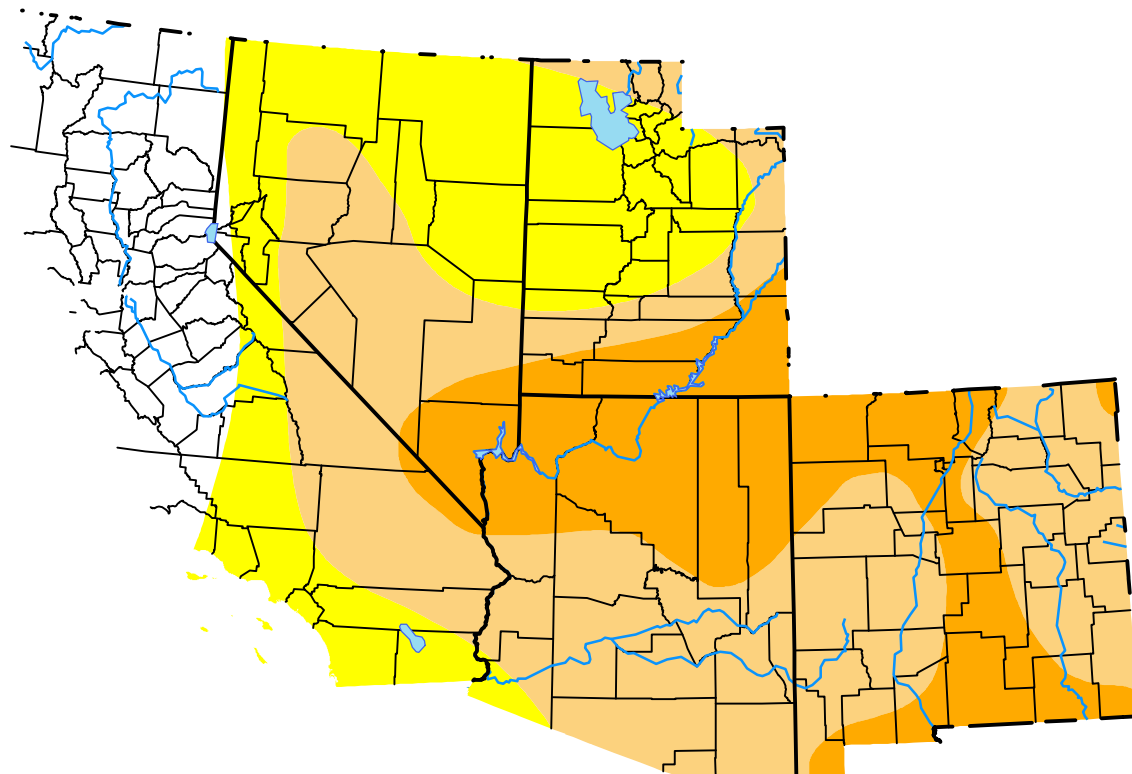


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.82	23.26	39.22	21.69	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-21-2002</i>	16.08	22.86	55.09	5.98	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2001</i>	43.38	22.01	19.28	10.06	5.27	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	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>03-29-2001</i>	77.53	19.91	2.22	0.30	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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