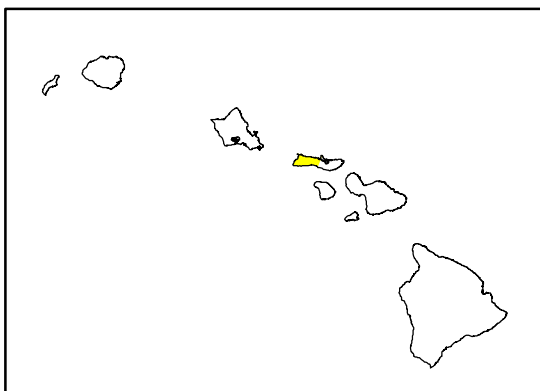
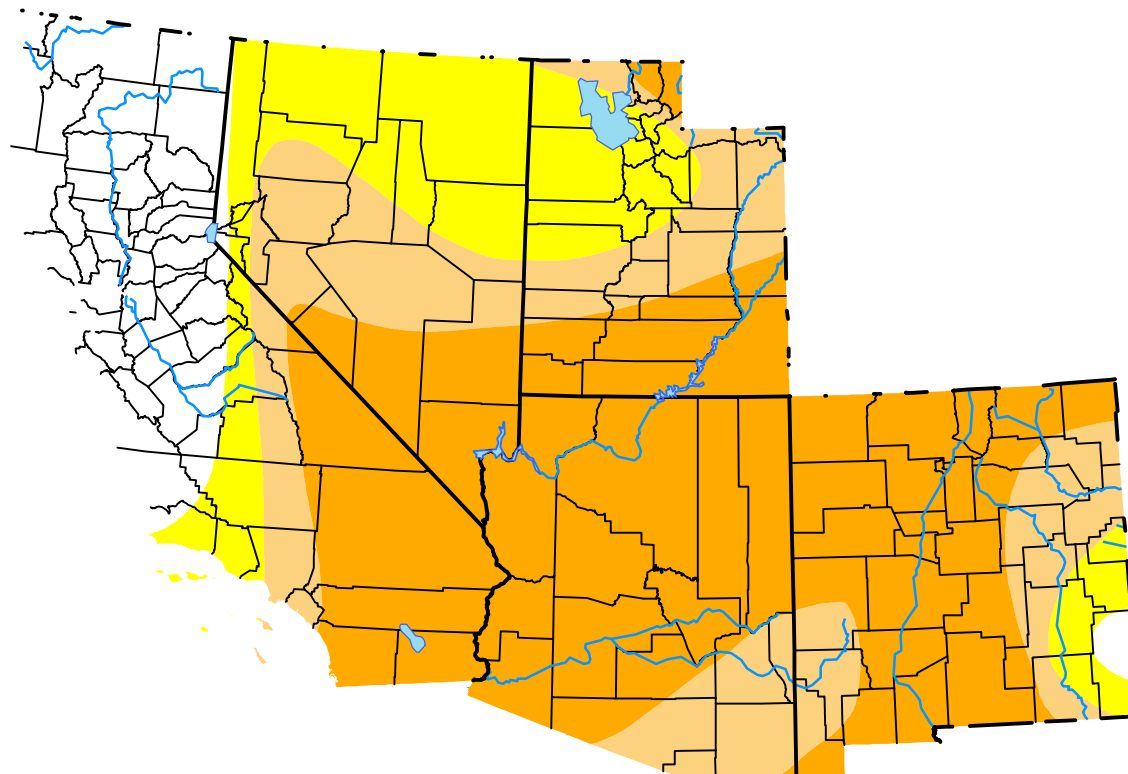


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.70 | 16.60 | 21.05 | 46.65 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-11-2002</i>              | 16.00 | 20.45 | 22.73 | 40.82 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-17-2002</i>           | 39.64 | 33.96 | 18.38 | 7.70  | 0.32  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 45.56 | 22.67 | 17.91 | 9.16  | 4.71  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2001</i>    | 42.72 | 18.14 | 16.78 | 9.07  | 13.29 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-19-2001</i>           | 74.46 | 14.96 | 9.51  | 0.88  | 0.20  | 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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