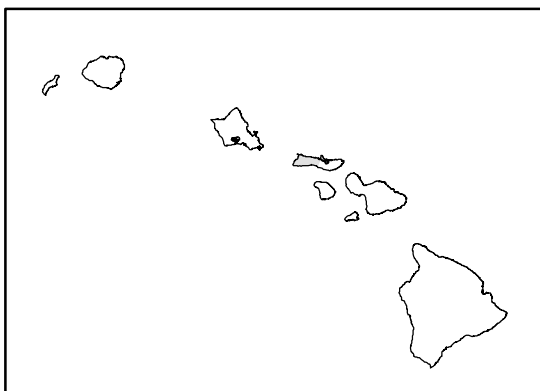
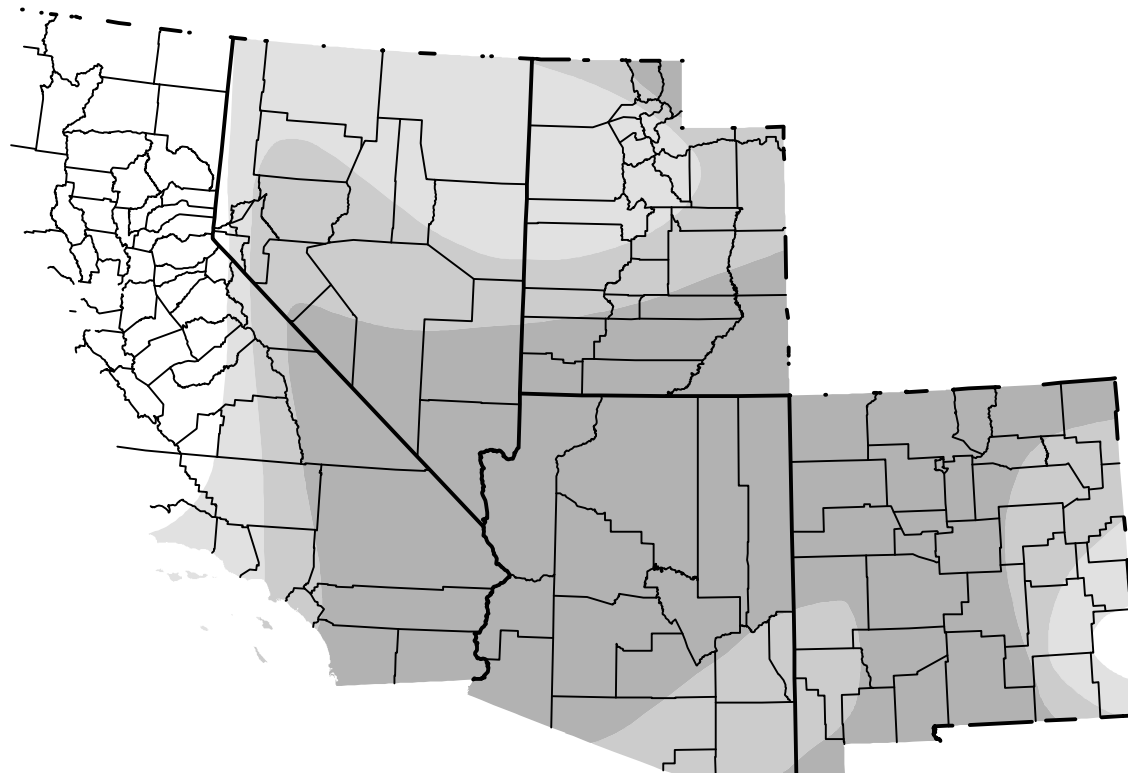


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.70	16.60	21.05	46.65	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-11-2002</i>	16.00	20.45	22.73	40.82	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2002</i>	39.64	33.96	18.38	7.70	0.32	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>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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