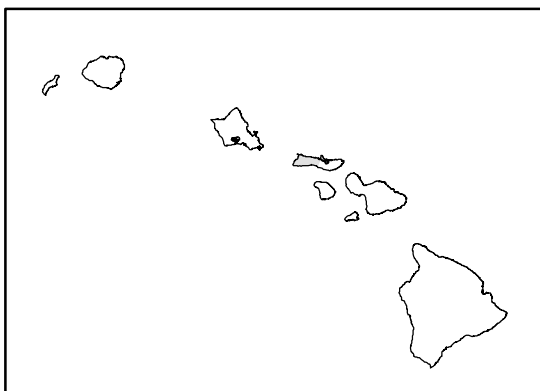
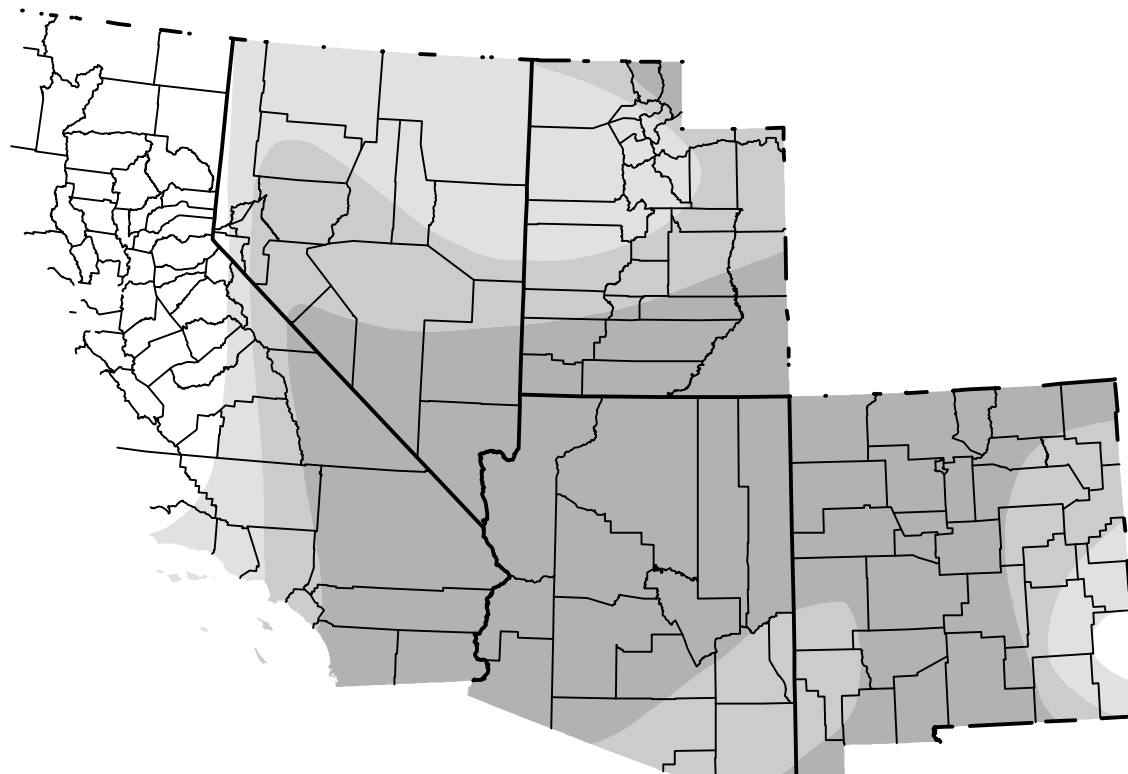


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.70	84.30	67.70	46.65	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-11-2002</i>	16.00	84.00	63.55	40.82	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2002</i>	39.64	60.36	26.40	8.02	0.32	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	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>04-19-2001</i>	74.46	25.54	10.58	1.07	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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