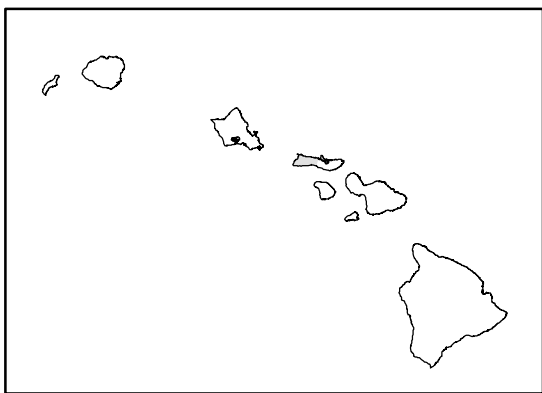
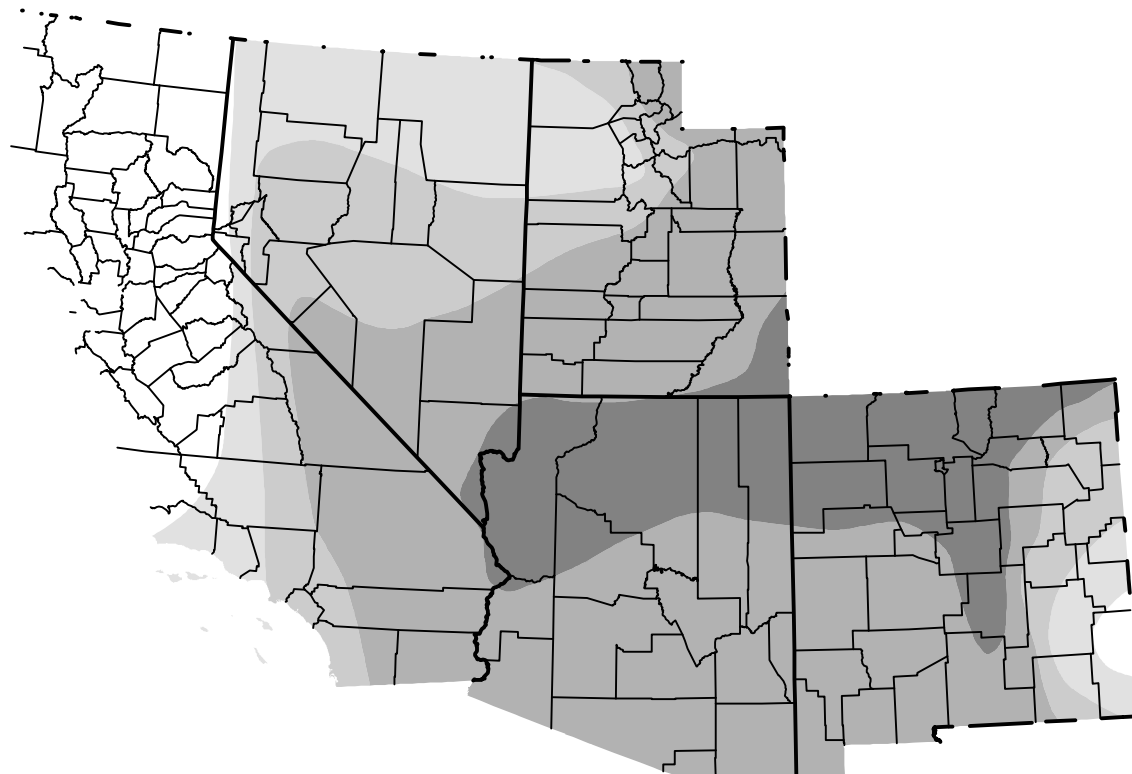


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.96	12.52	14.53	41.38	15.62	0.00
Last Week 04-25-2002	15.84	12.73	18.85	47.15	5.43	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-31-2002	36.58	37.48	18.46	7.14	0.35	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2002	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2001	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago 05-03-2001	74.46	14.94	9.53	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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