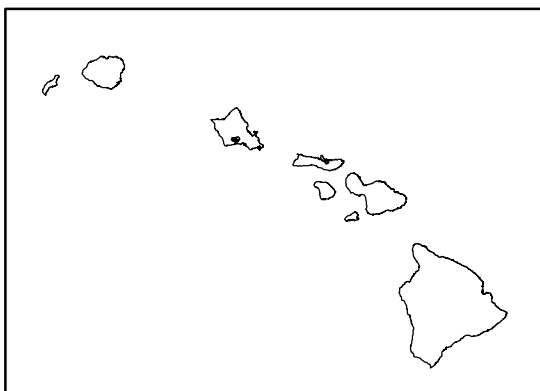
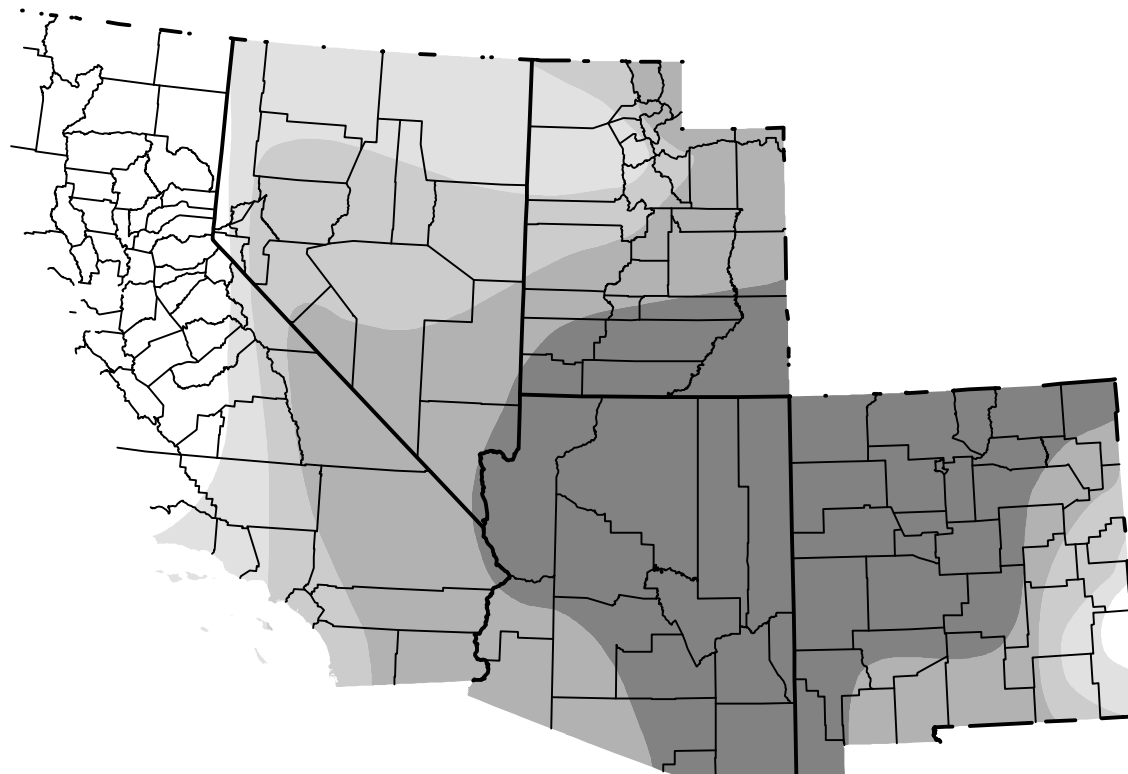


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.84	84.16	72.36	58.23	34.00	0.00
Last Week 05-09-2002	16.05	83.95	71.71	57.01	15.67	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-14-2002	18.67	81.33	34.67	5.37	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2002	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2001	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago 05-17-2001	75.43	24.57	11.51	1.26	0.06	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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