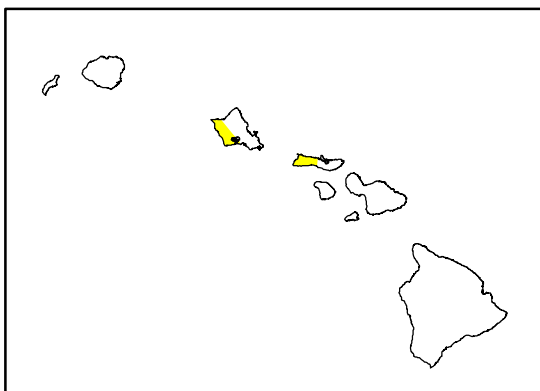
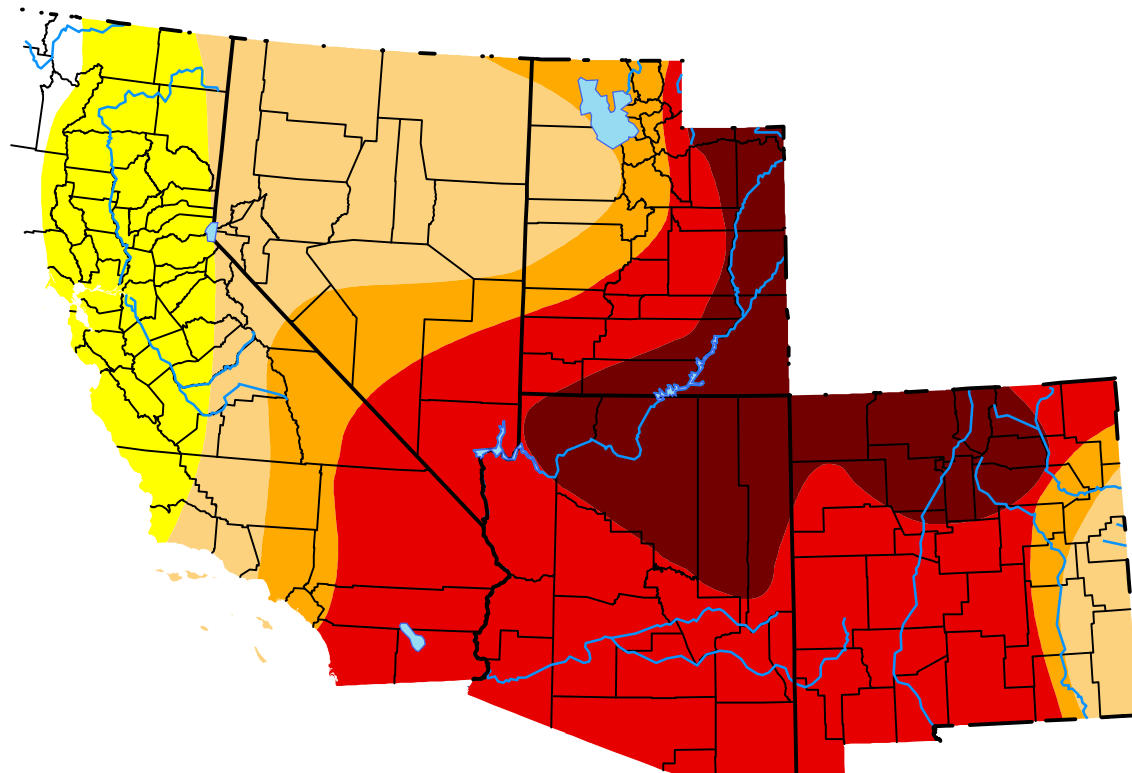


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.78	11.15	21.06	11.56	37.23	16.23
Last Week 07-11-2002	2.75	13.16	20.98	13.86	32.99	16.27
3 Months Ago 04-18-2002	15.70	16.60	21.05	46.65	0.00	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 07-19-2001	58.36	15.33	8.45	8.60	9.25	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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