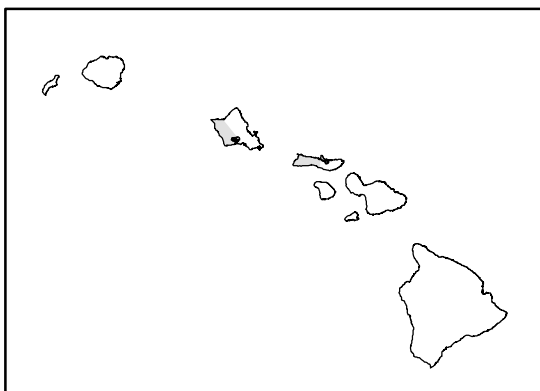
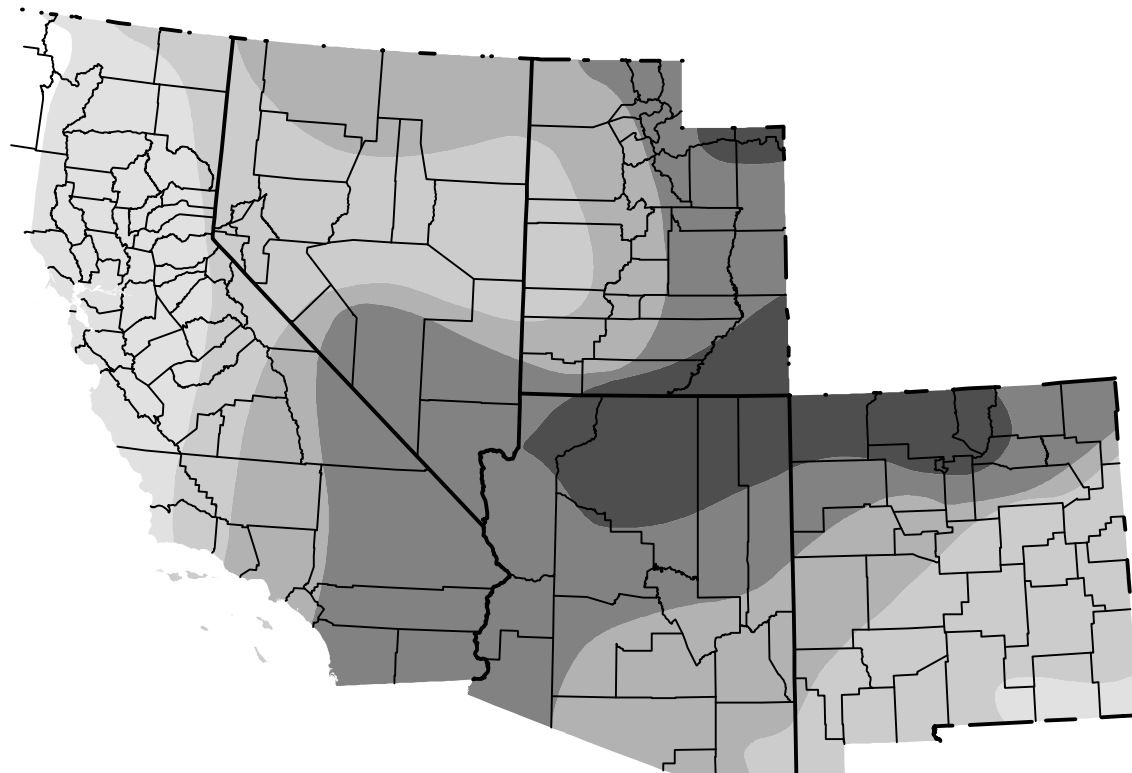


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.33	97.67	86.47	61.65	37.80	9.82
Last Week <i>08-08-2002</i>	2.39	97.61	86.30	61.37	37.58	9.71
3 Months Ago <i>05-16-2002</i>	15.84	84.16	72.36	58.23	34.00	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>08-16-2001</i>	57.96	42.04	26.71	17.99	10.52	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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