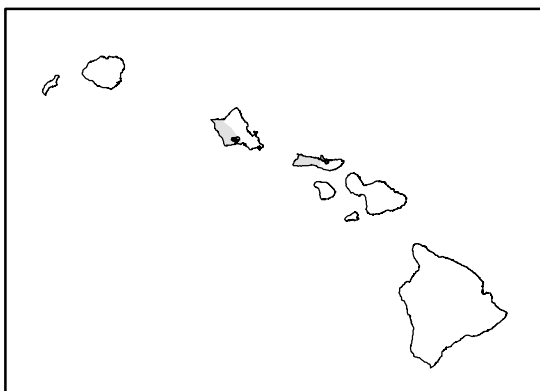
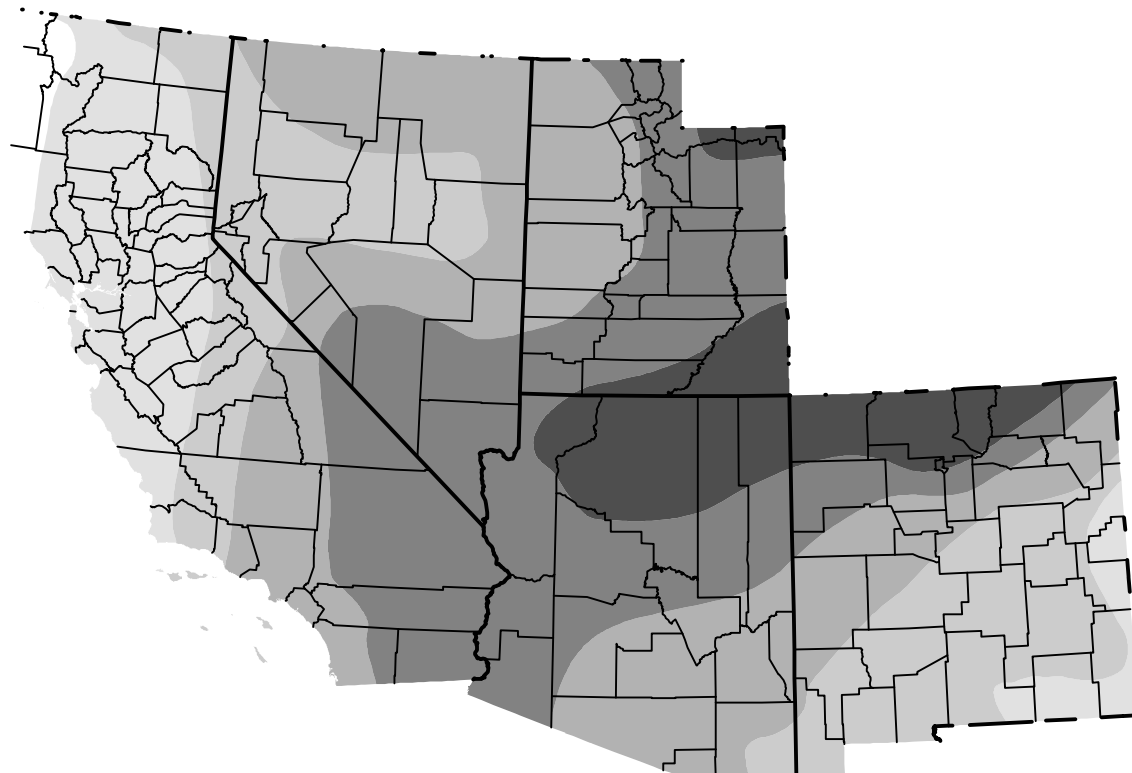


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.41	97.59	85.57	66.18	38.05	9.73
Last Week <i>08-29-2002</i>	2.30	97.70	85.49	66.13	39.11	9.91
3 Months Ago <i>06-06-2002</i>	5.82	94.18	78.13	58.50	38.21	8.84
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>09-06-2001</i>	56.93	43.07	29.04	19.98	13.13	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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