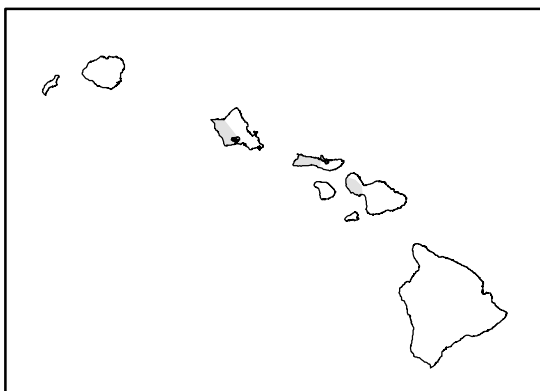
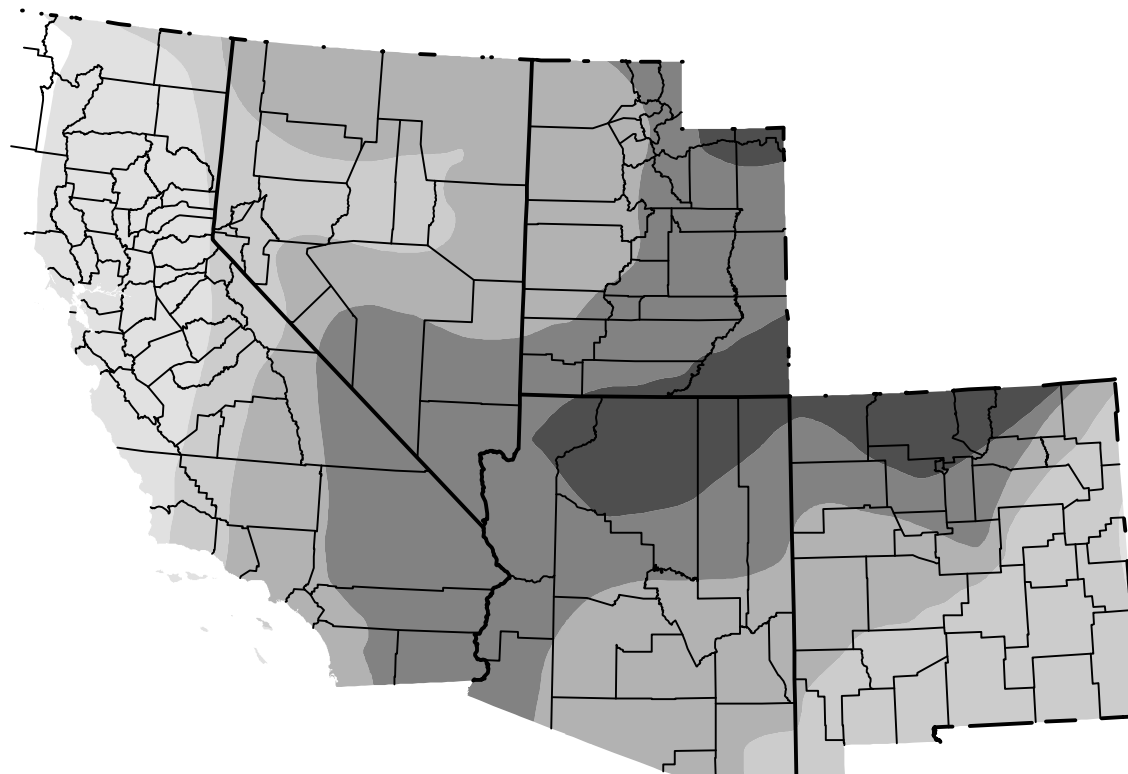


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.34	10.69	18.78	31.58	28.53	8.08
Last Week <i>09-05-2002</i>	2.41	12.02	19.39	28.13	28.32	9.73
3 Months Ago <i>06-13-2002</i>	5.78	15.96	17.68	20.70	31.03	8.85
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-13-2001</i>	42.85	18.37	16.43	9.07	13.29	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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