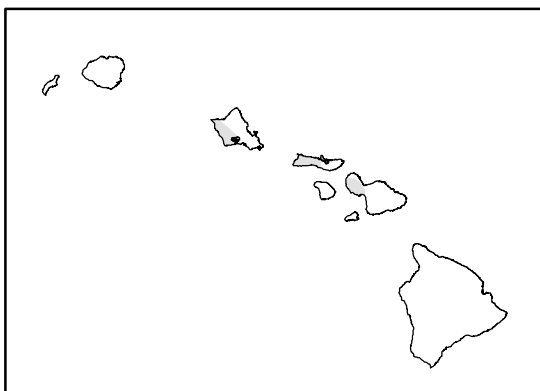
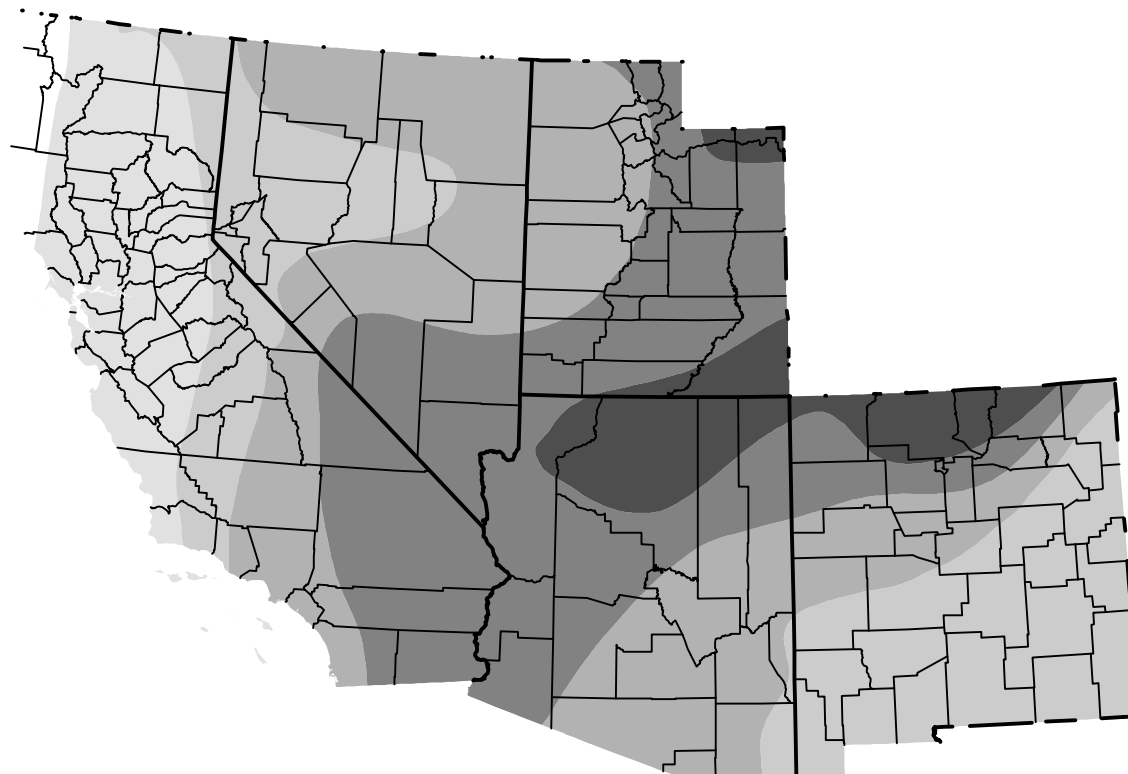


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.51	10.33	21.82	29.51	28.41	7.41
Last Week <i>09-12-2002</i>	2.34	10.69	18.78	31.58	28.53	8.08
3 Months Ago <i>06-20-2002</i>	5.82	12.03	19.94	18.16	35.19	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>09-20-2001</i>	42.73	18.13	16.78	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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