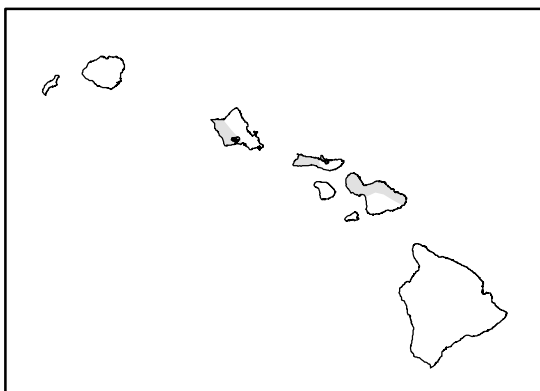
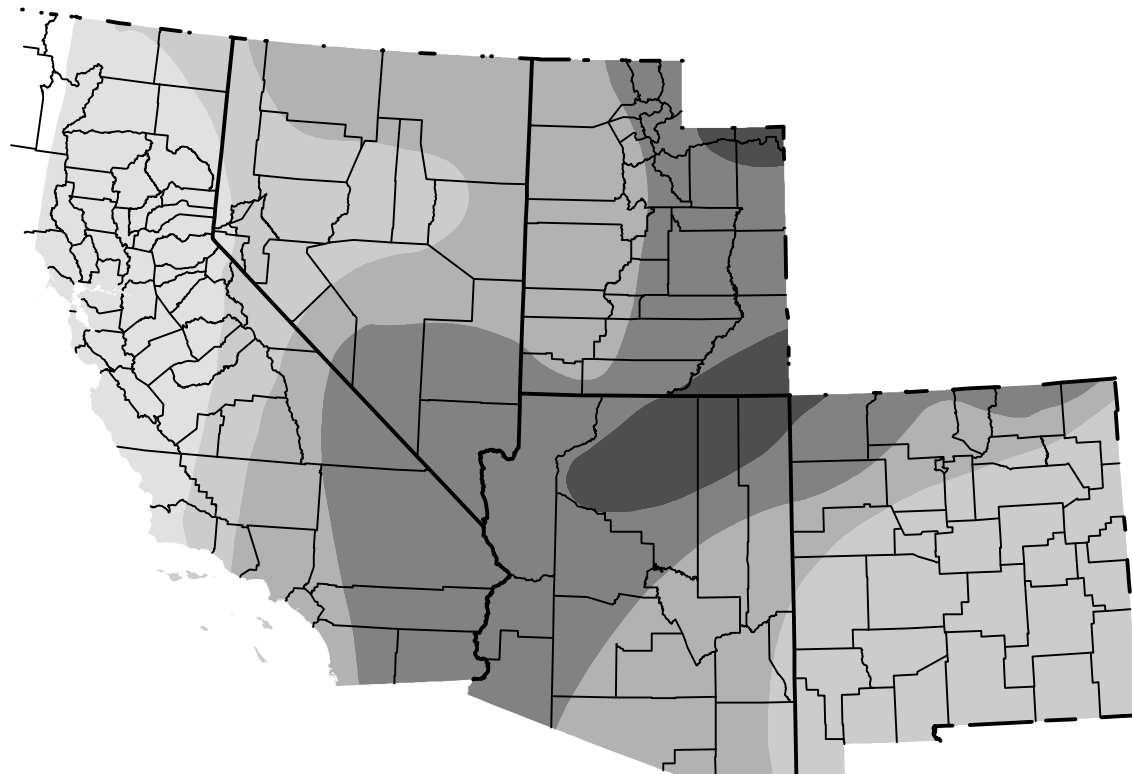


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
Last Week <i>09-26-2002</i>	2.44	10.26	23.40	29.26	29.40	5.23
3 Months Ago <i>07-03-2002</i>	3.01	13.10	18.95	15.66	33.80	15.48
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>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>10-04-2001</i>	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.17	13.19	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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