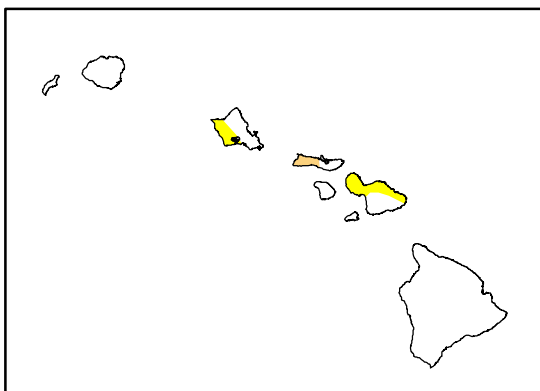
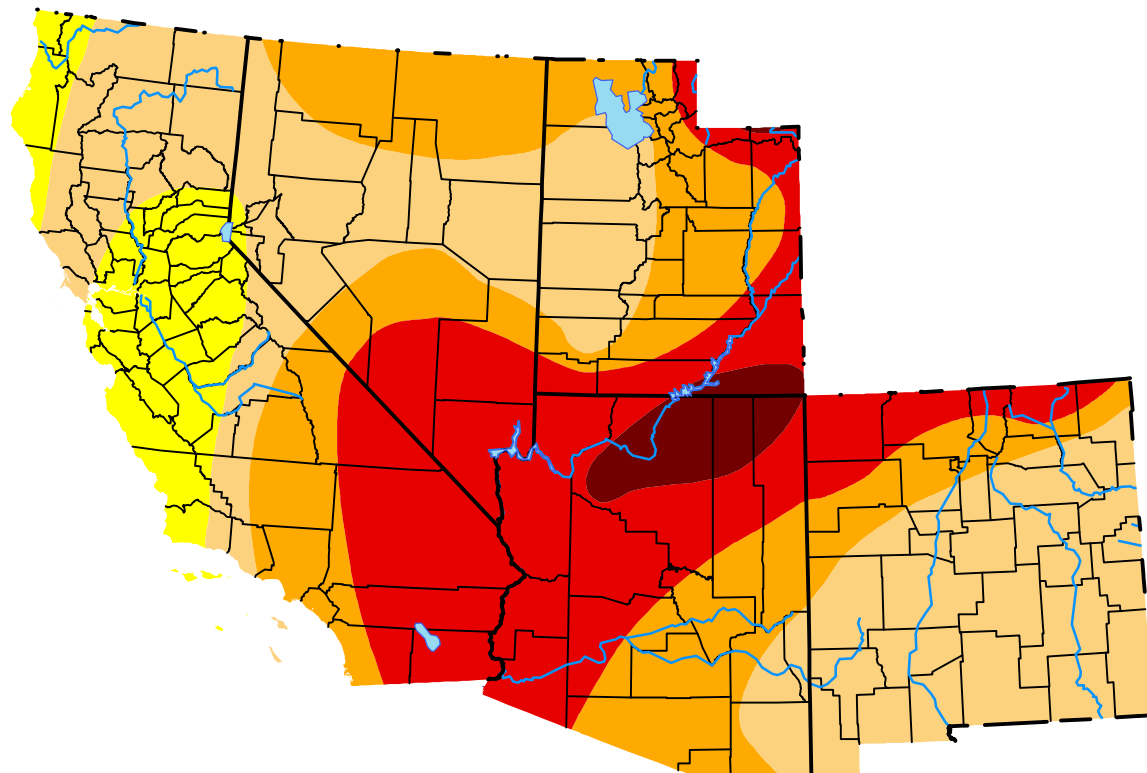


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.94	99.06	90.98	54.55	28.66	3.05
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-10-2002</i>	0.93	99.07	91.04	54.85	28.69	3.10
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-18-2002</i>	2.78	97.22	86.07	65.01	53.46	16.23
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-18-2001</i>	41.73	58.27	39.07	22.79	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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