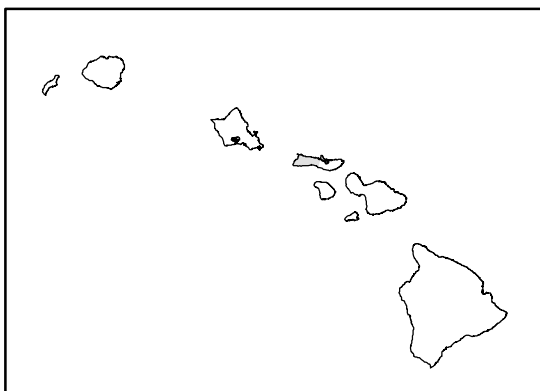
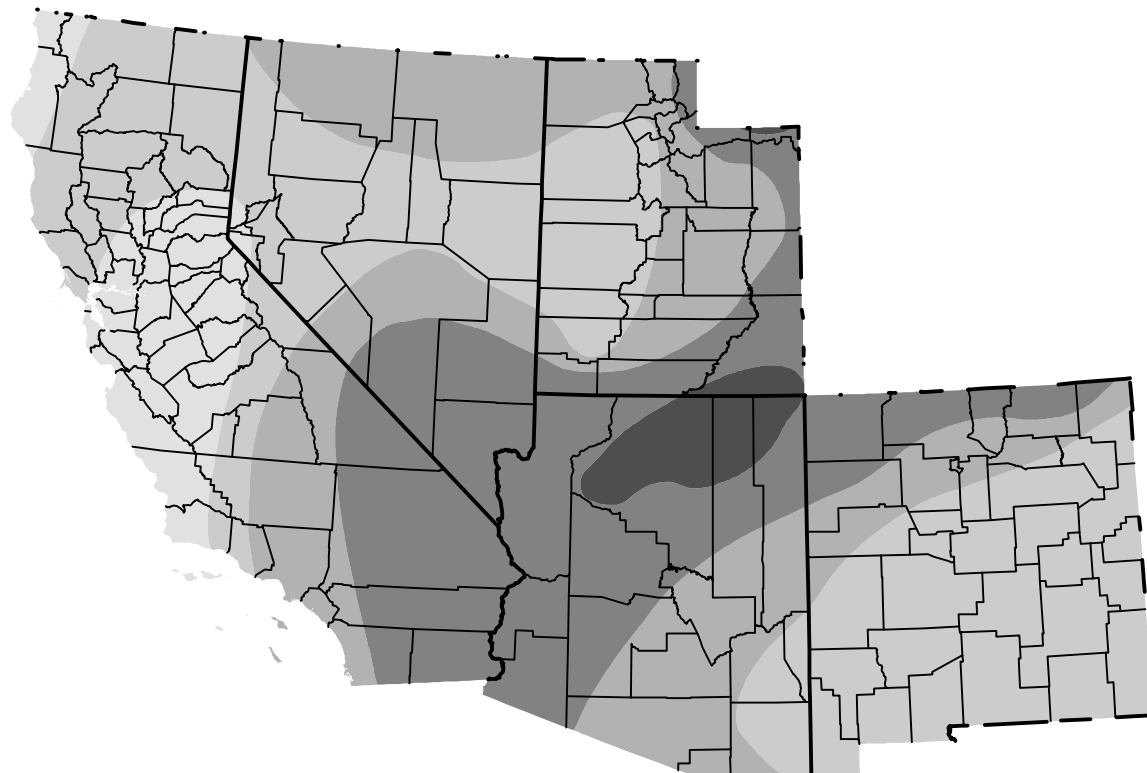


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>                                     | 1.04  | 98.96 | 91.33 | 54.84 | 28.83 | 3.09  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-17-2002</i>              | 0.94  | 99.06 | 90.98 | 54.55 | 28.66 | 3.05  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-25-2002</i>           | 2.51  | 97.49 | 87.07 | 65.15 | 52.07 | 16.21 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 45.56 | 54.44 | 31.77 | 13.87 | 4.71  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 2.56  | 97.44 | 85.89 | 60.73 | 32.47 | 4.53  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-25-2001</i>           | 41.73 | 58.27 | 40.02 | 22.80 | 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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