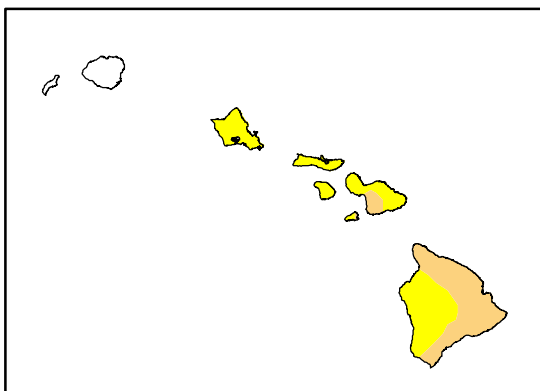
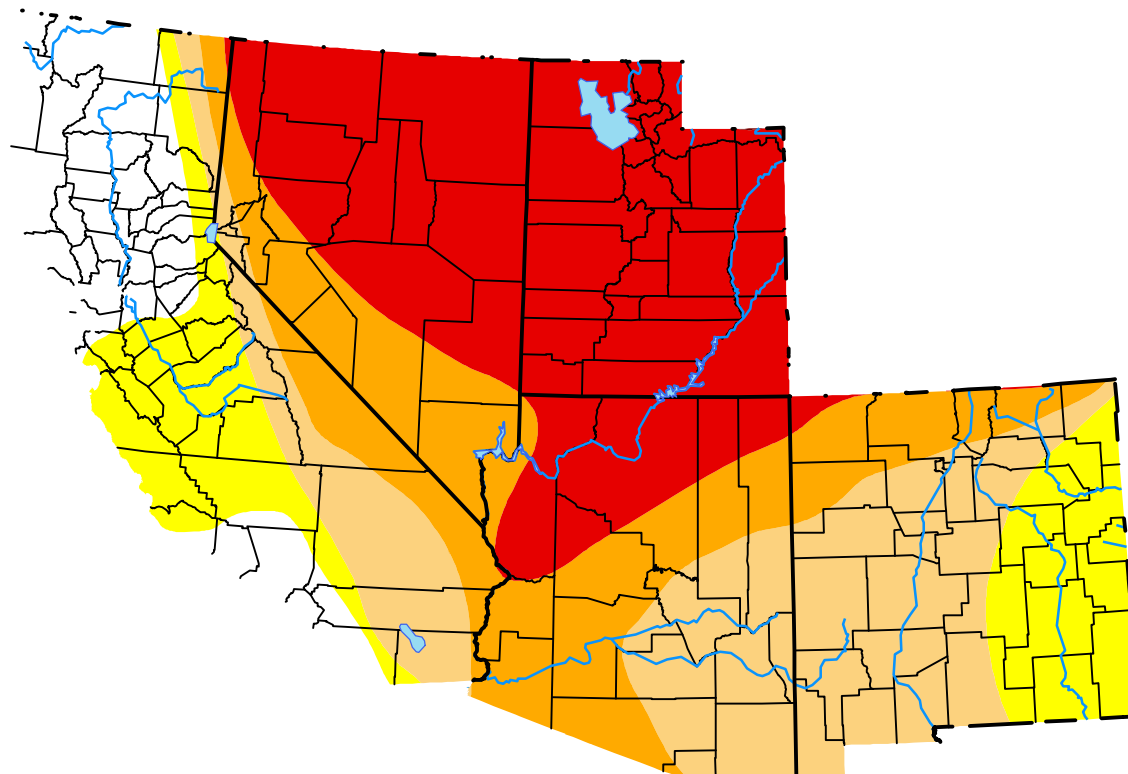


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

April 1, 2003
(Released Thursday, Apr. 3, 2003)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.63	14.30	22.83	19.57	32.67	0.00
Last Week 03-27-2003	13.87	11.10	22.79	19.98	32.20	0.06
3 Months Ago 01-02-2003	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year 10-03-2002	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago 04-04-2002	15.97	22.82	25.42	35.79	0.00	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.

Author:

Douglas Le Comte
 CPC/NOAA



droughtmonitor.unl.edu