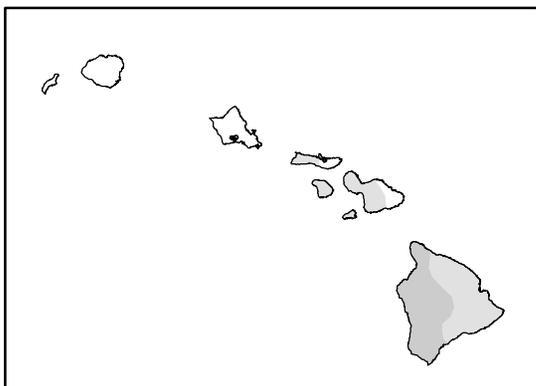
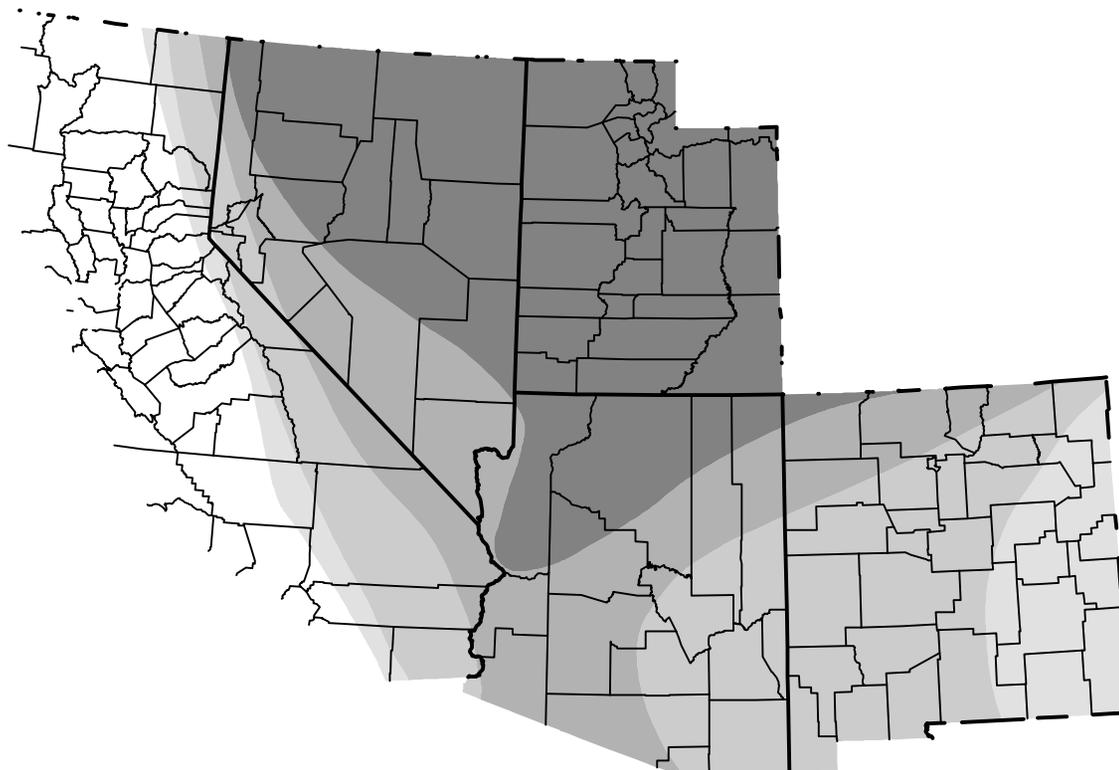


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	16.11	83.89	74.98	51.14	31.89	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-17-2003</i>	15.75	84.25	74.73	51.65	31.76	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-23-2003</i>	18.65	81.35	73.29	57.62	40.86	2.19
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
<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>04-25-2002</i>	15.84	84.16	71.43	52.59	5.43	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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