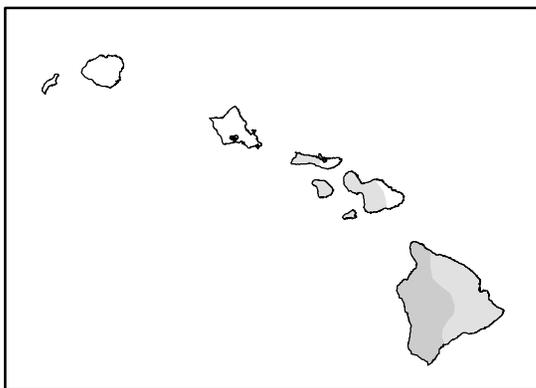
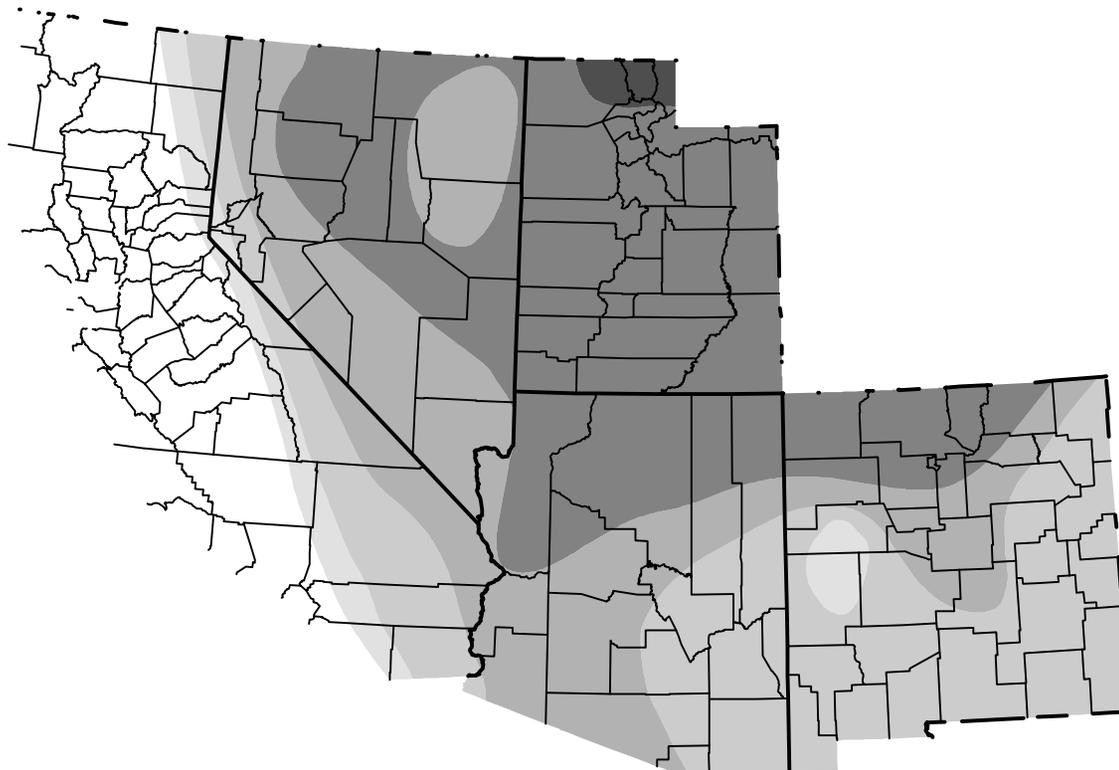


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	17.20	82.80	78.55	55.24	32.08	0.75
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-08-2003</i>	15.84	84.16	79.67	53.62	29.41	0.01
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-13-2003</i>	12.85	87.15	76.98	61.50	43.85	2.43
<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>05-16-2002</i>	15.84	84.16	72.36	58.23	34.00	0.00

***Intensity:***



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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