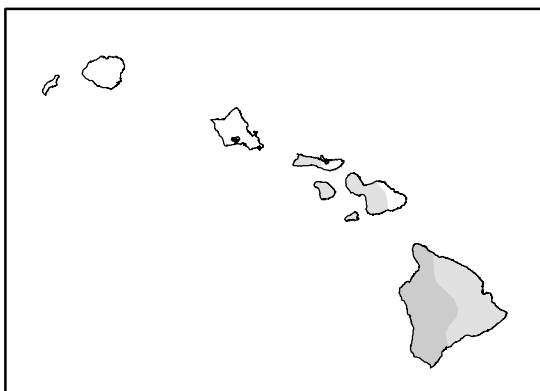
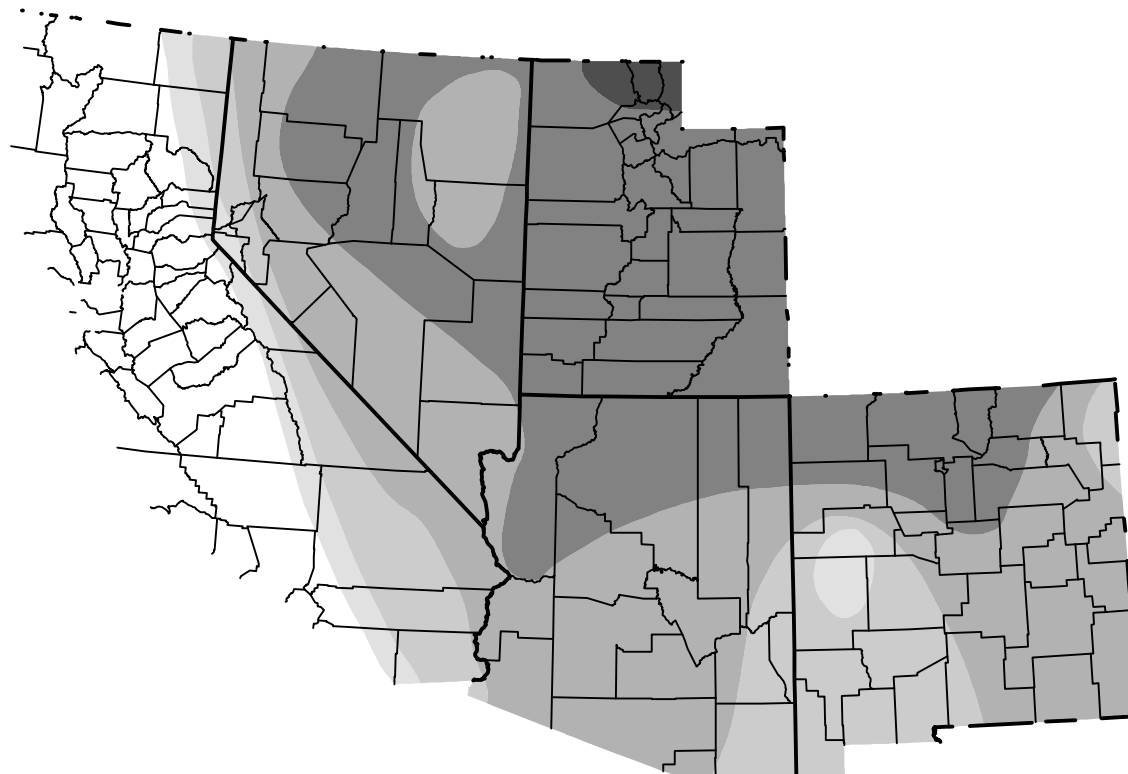


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.29	82.71	78.45	64.90	32.99	0.75
Last Week <i>05-15-2003</i>	17.20	82.80	78.55	55.24	32.08	0.75
3 Months Ago <i>02-20-2003</i>	16.58	83.42	76.00	59.51	41.14	1.44
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago <i>05-23-2002</i>	15.94	84.06	72.23	57.97	34.33	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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