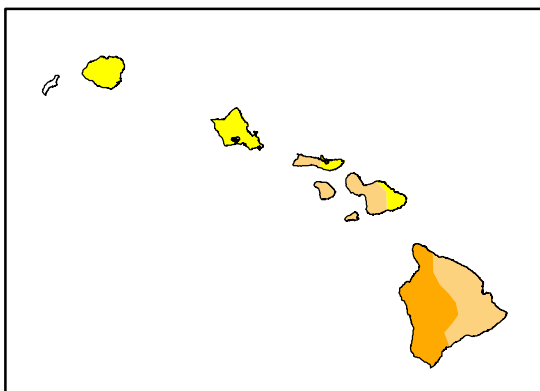
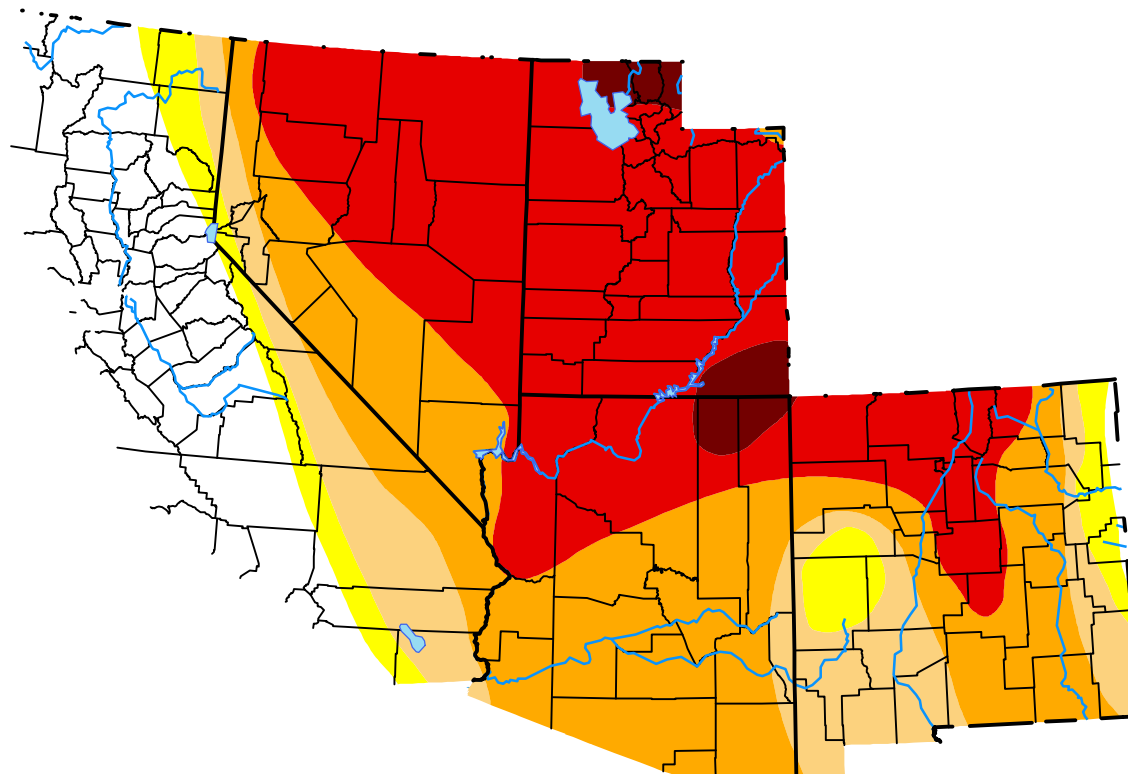


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.10	5.88	12.56	27.57	34.66	2.23
Last Week <i>06-26-2003</i>	17.23	4.58	15.38	25.70	34.83	2.28
3 Months Ago <i>04-03-2003</i>	10.63	14.30	22.83	19.57	32.67	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>07-03-2002</i>	3.01	13.10	18.95	15.66	33.80	15.48

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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