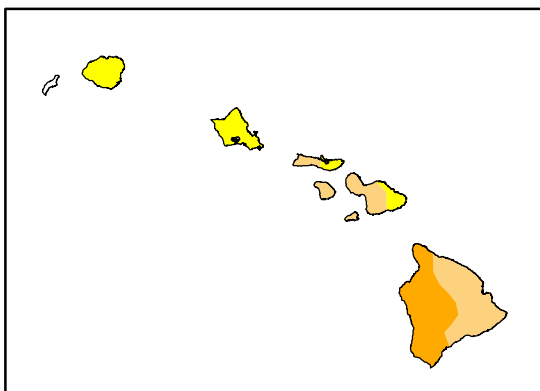
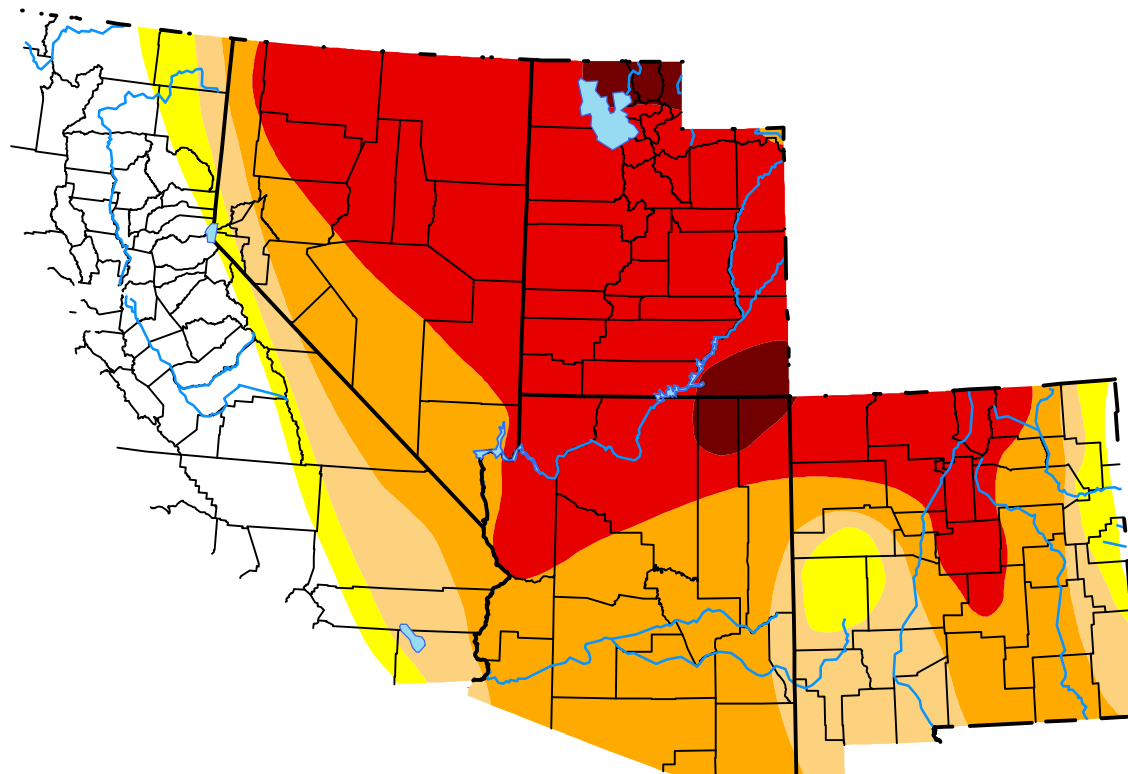


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.10	82.90	77.02	64.46	36.89	2.23
Last Week <i>06-26-2003</i>	17.23	82.77	78.19	62.81	37.11	2.28
3 Months Ago <i>04-03-2003</i>	10.63	89.37	75.07	52.24	32.67	0.00
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>07-03-2002</i>	3.01	96.99	83.88	64.93	49.28	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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