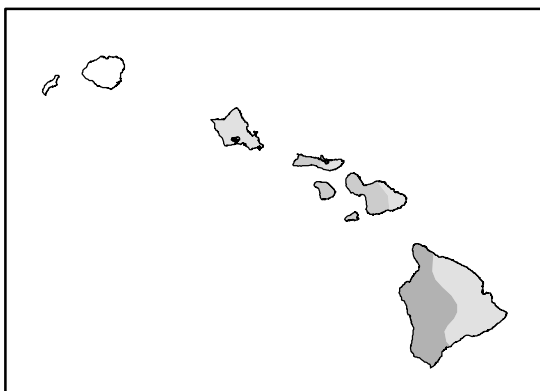
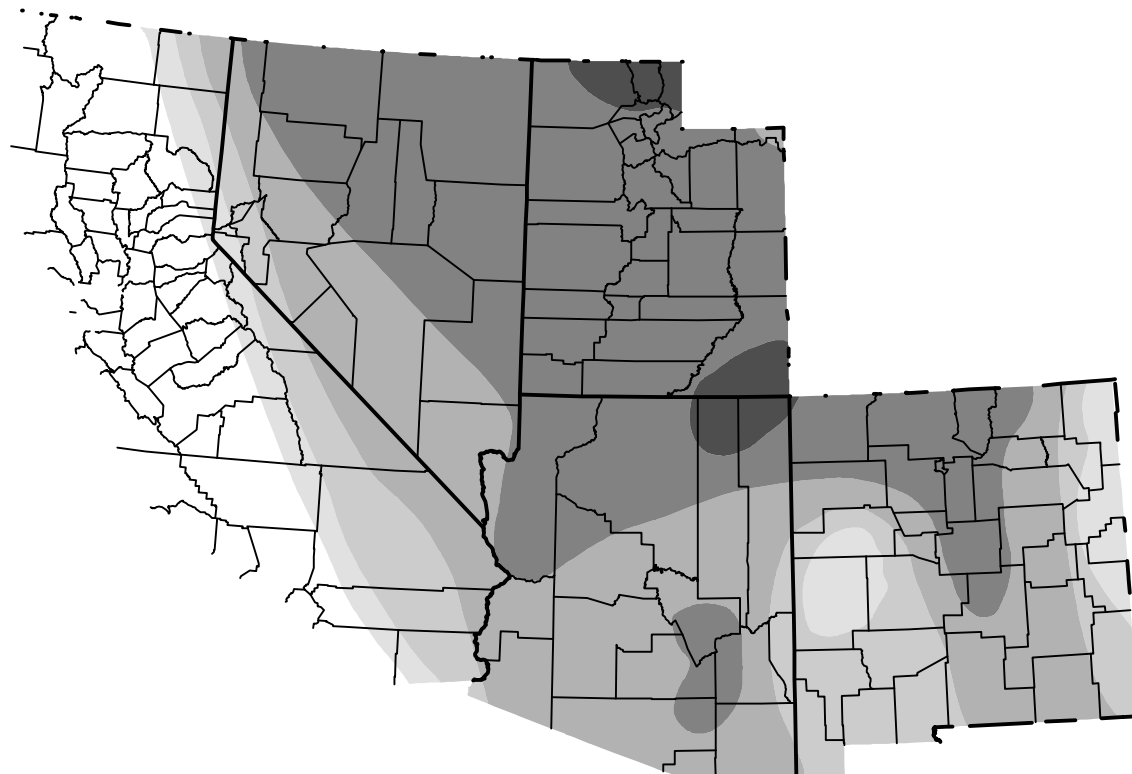


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.70	6.51	12.16	26.52	35.76	2.34
Last Week <i>07-03-2003</i>	17.10	5.88	12.56	27.57	34.66	2.23
3 Months Ago <i>04-10-2003</i>	10.86	13.66	23.64	19.48	32.35	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>07-11-2002</i>	2.75	13.16	20.98	13.86	32.99	16.27

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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