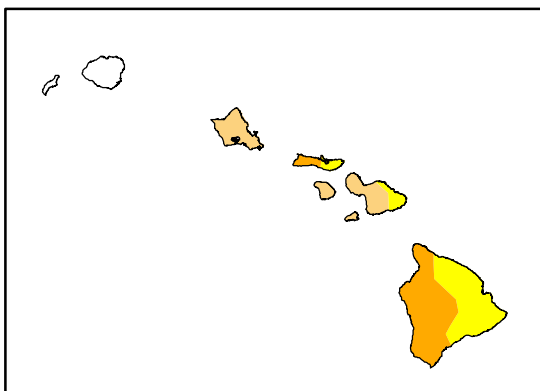
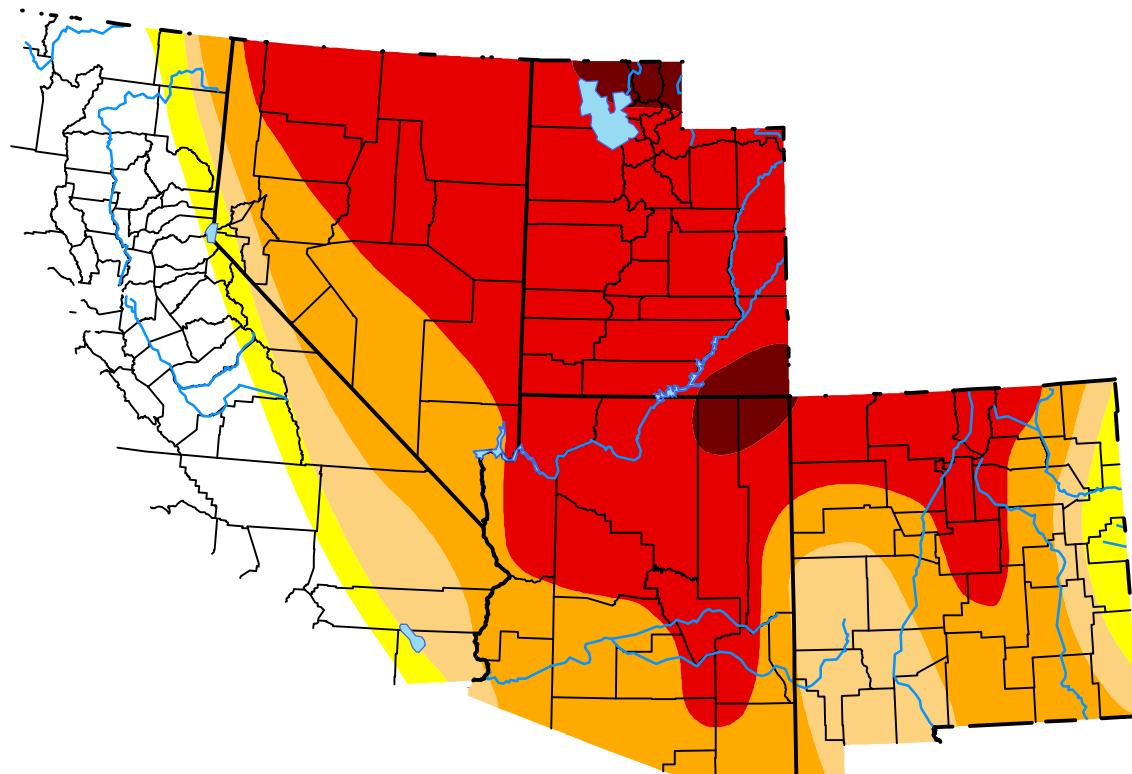


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.60	5.27	11.37	25.02	39.54	2.20
Last Week 07-10-2003	16.70	6.51	12.16	26.52	35.76	2.34
3 Months Ago 04-17-2003	15.75	9.53	23.07	19.90	31.76	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year 10-03-2002	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago 07-18-2002	2.78	11.15	21.06	11.56	37.23	16.23

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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