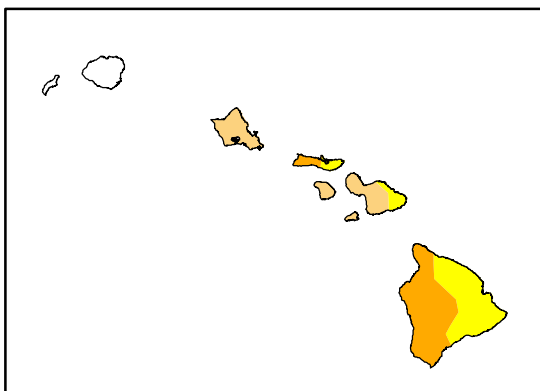
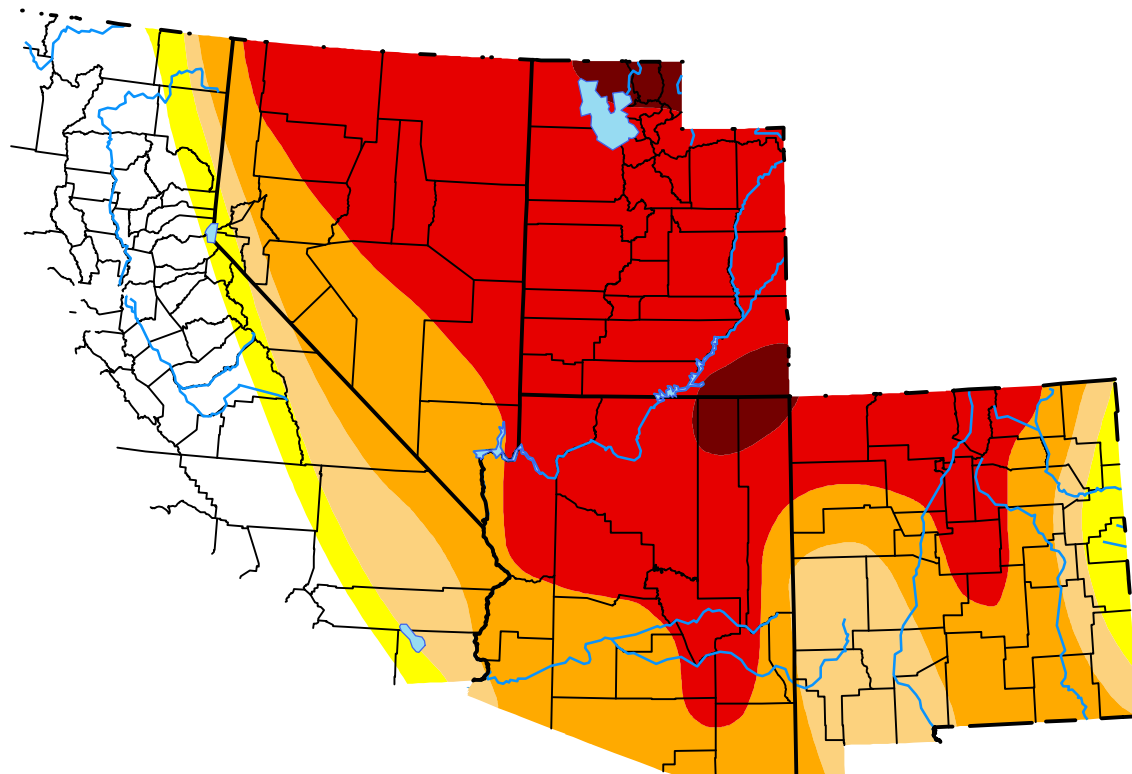


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	16.60	83.40	78.12	66.76	41.74	2.20
<b>Last Week</b> 07-10-2003	16.70	83.30	76.78	64.62	38.10	2.34
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-17-2003	15.75	84.25	74.73	51.65	31.76	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2003	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-03-2002	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-18-2002	2.78	97.22	86.07	65.01	53.46	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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