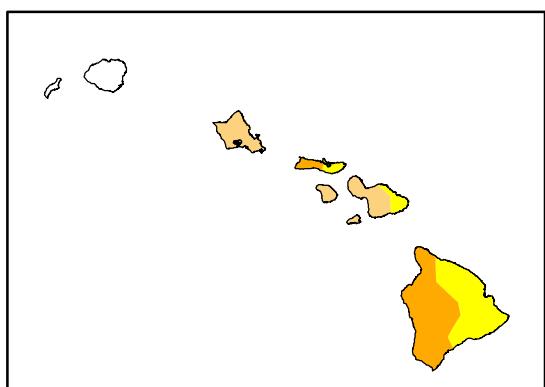
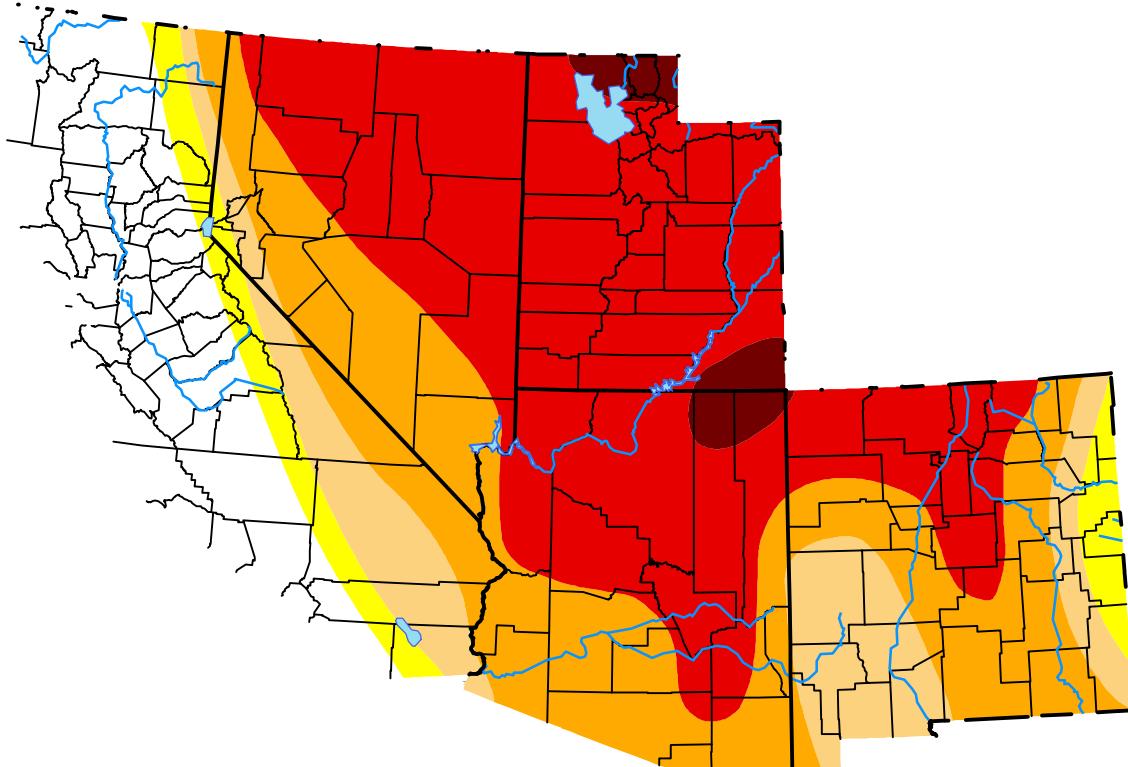


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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