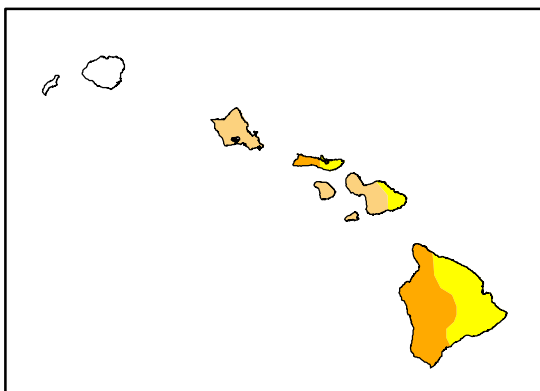
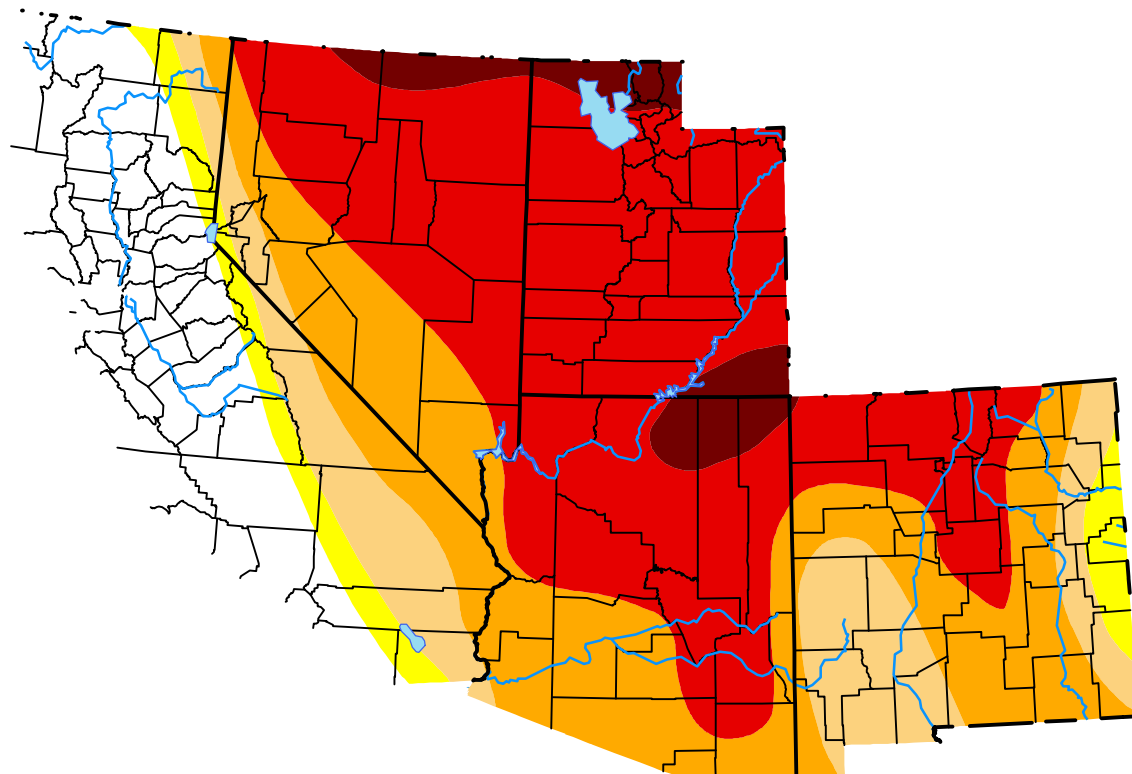


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.82	4.58	11.87	23.67	38.99	4.07
Last Week 07-17-2003	16.60	5.27	11.37	25.02	39.54	2.20
3 Months Ago 04-24-2003	16.11	8.91	23.84	19.25	31.89	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 07-25-2002	2.51	10.42	21.92	13.08	35.86	16.21

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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