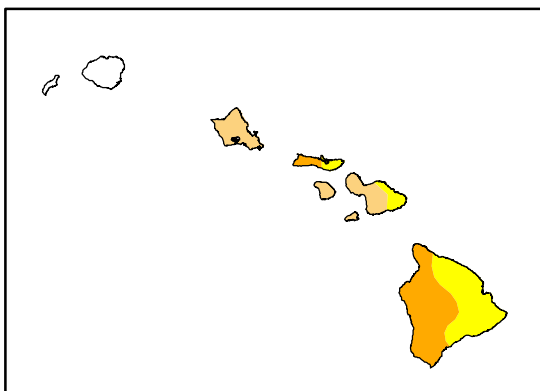
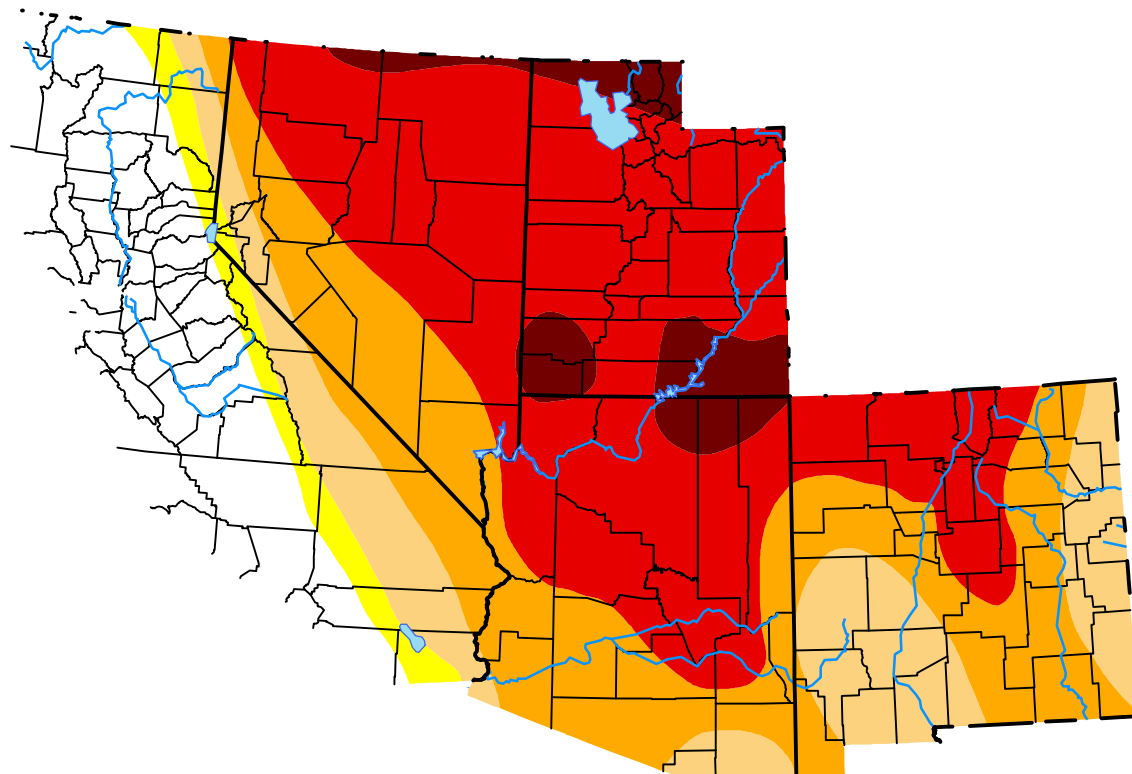


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.07	3.54	13.62	23.61	37.12	5.04
Last Week 07-24-2003	16.82	4.58	11.87	23.67	38.99	4.07
3 Months Ago 05-01-2003	16.02	6.66	24.18	24.00	29.15	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 08-01-2002	2.33	10.59	21.67	26.15	27.29	11.98

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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