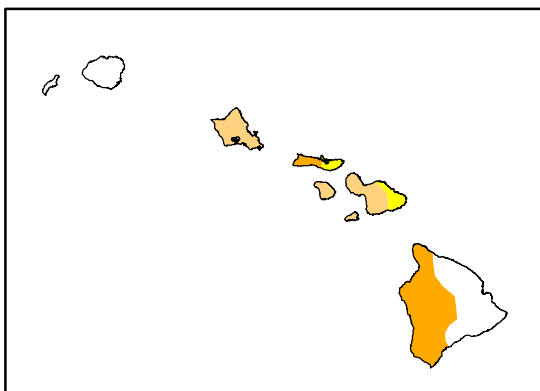
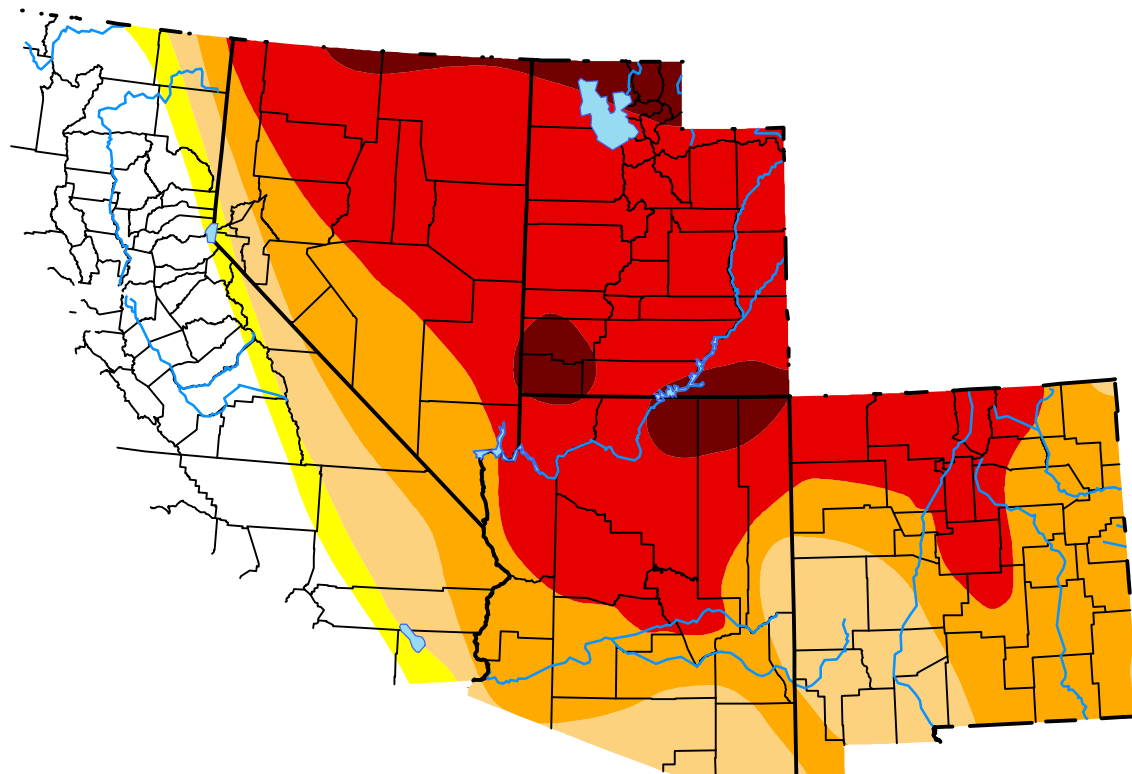


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>                                     | 17.23 | 82.77 | 79.70 | 66.36 | 40.92 | 4.47 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>07-31-2003</i>              | 17.07 | 82.93 | 79.39 | 65.77 | 42.16 | 5.04 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-08-2003</i>           | 15.84 | 84.16 | 79.67 | 53.62 | 29.41 | 0.01 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2003</i> | 18.08 | 81.92 | 74.19 | 58.26 | 21.74 | 2.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 2.56  | 97.44 | 85.89 | 60.73 | 32.47 | 4.53 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-08-2002</i>           | 2.39  | 97.61 | 86.30 | 61.37 | 37.58 | 9.71 |

### 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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