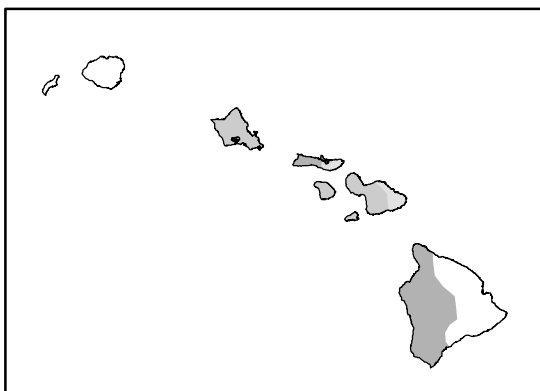
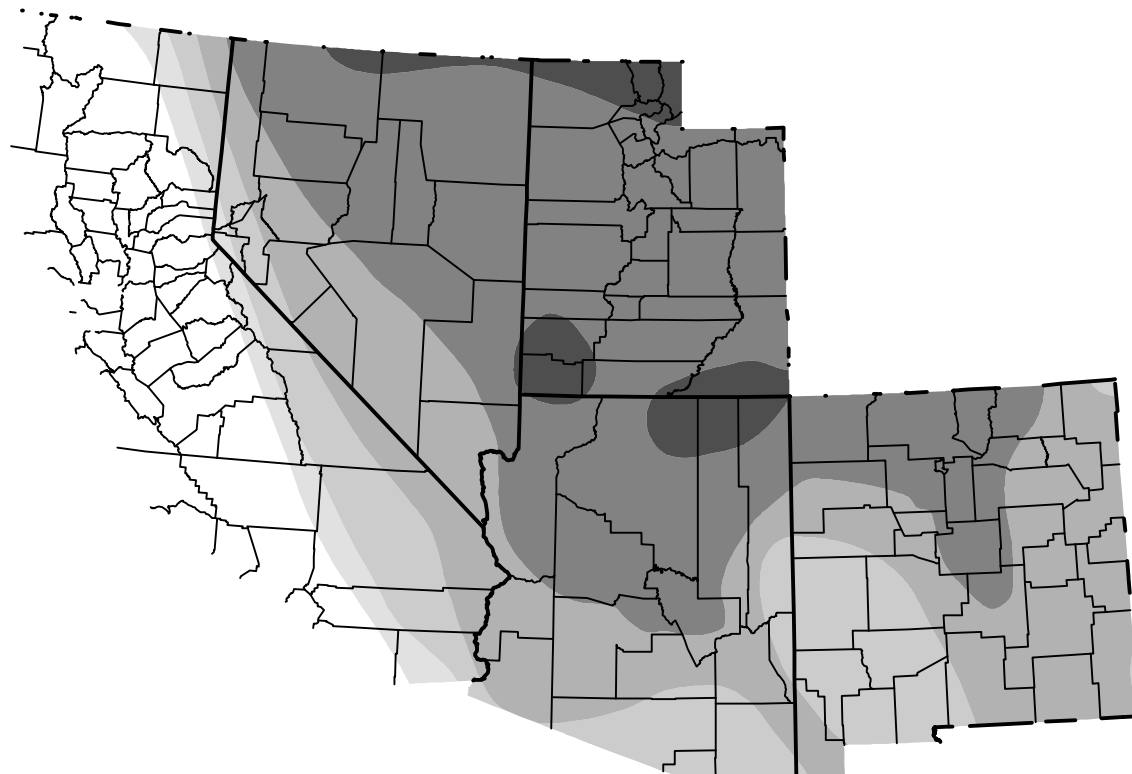


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.23	82.77	79.70	66.36	40.92	4.47
Last Week 07-31-2003	17.07	82.93	79.39	65.77	42.16	5.04
3 Months Ago 05-08-2003	15.84	84.16	79.67	53.62	29.41	0.01
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 08-08-2002	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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