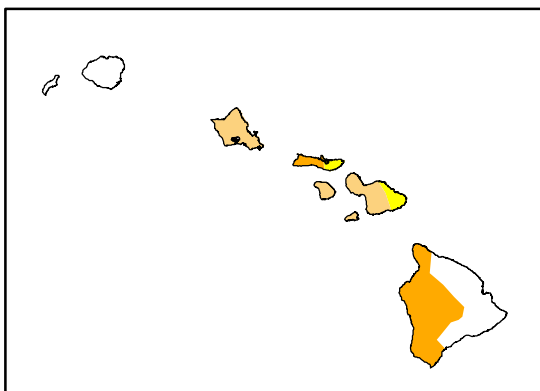
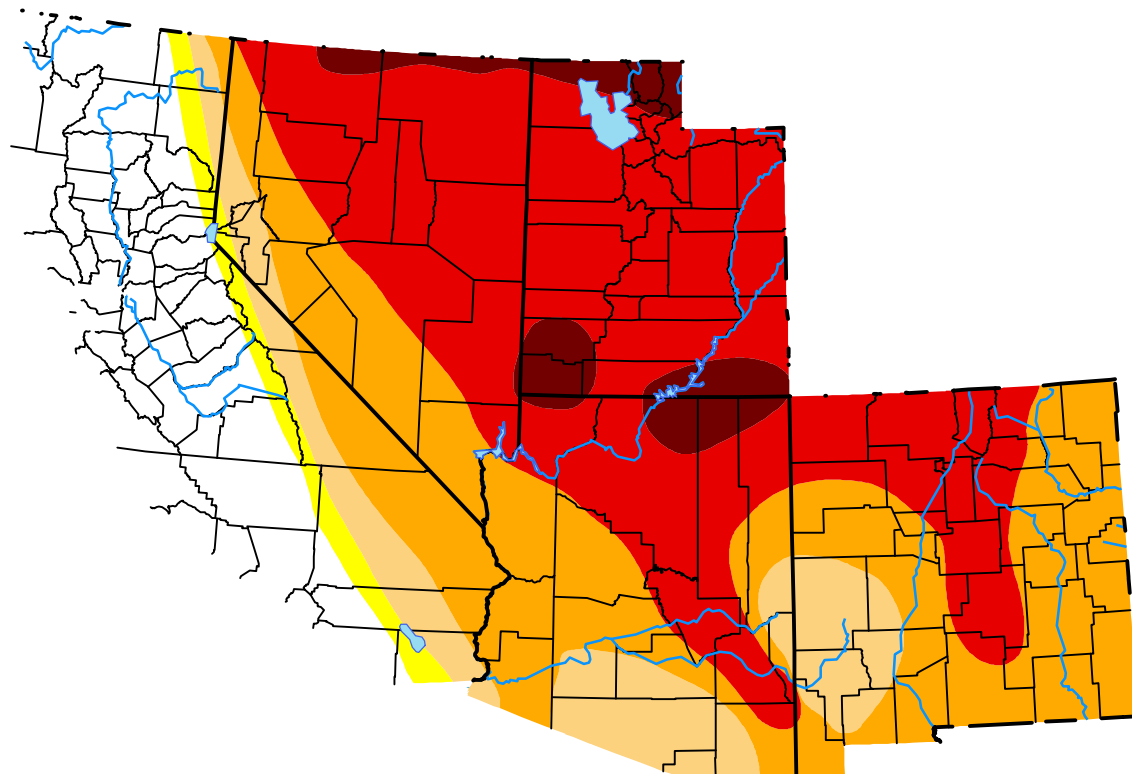


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.15	2.61	10.59	27.85	36.36	4.45
Last Week <i>08-14-2003</i>	17.39	3.24	12.16	25.85	37.13	4.23
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2003</i>	17.29	4.27	13.54	31.91	32.25	0.75
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>08-22-2002</i>	2.33	12.18	23.95	24.43	27.31	9.79

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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