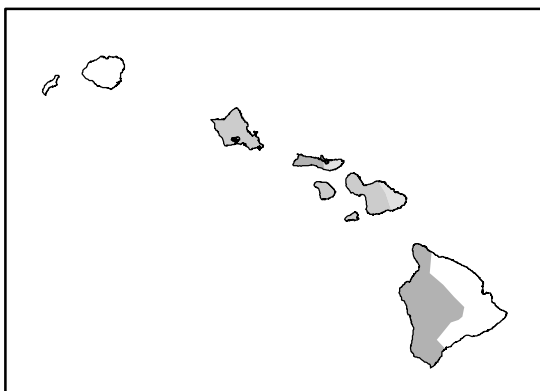
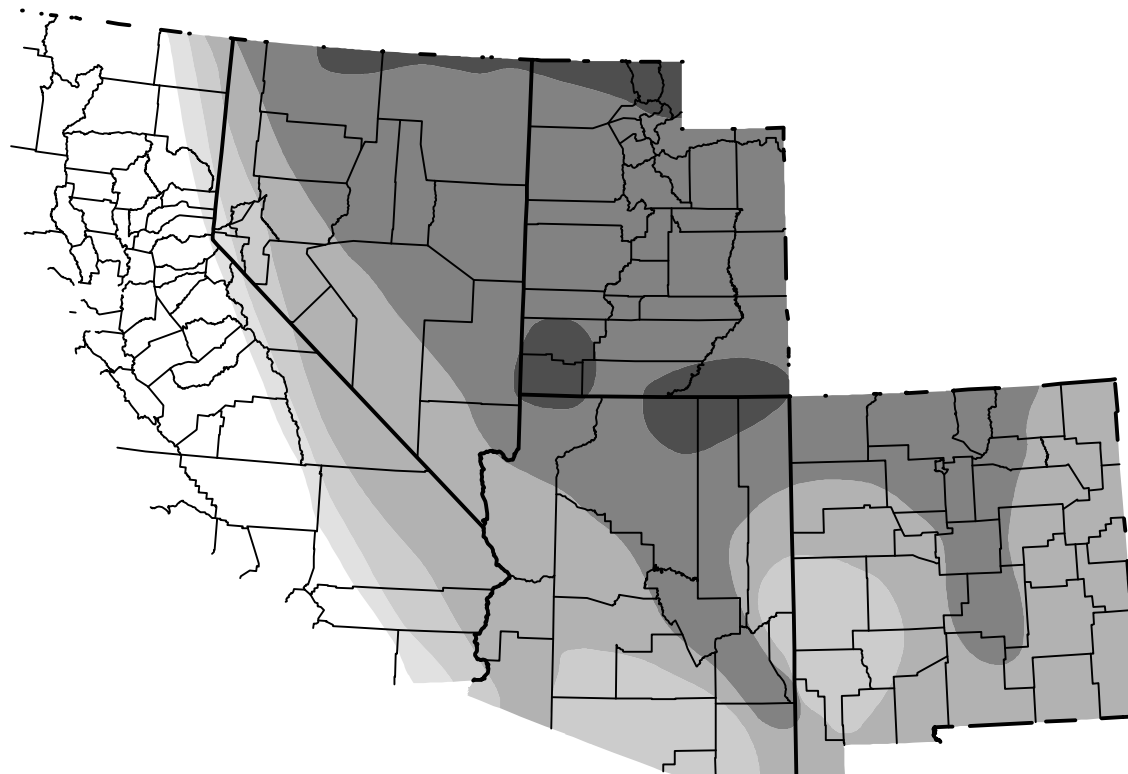


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.15	81.85	79.24	68.65	40.80	4.45
Last Week <i>08-14-2003</i>	17.39	82.61	79.36	67.21	41.36	4.23
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2003</i>	17.29	82.71	78.45	64.90	32.99	0.75
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago <i>08-22-2002</i>	2.33	97.67	85.49	61.54	37.11	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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