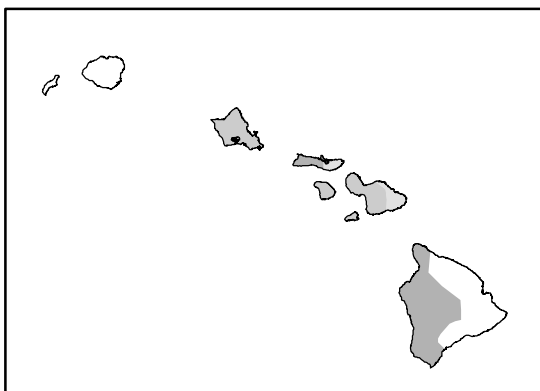
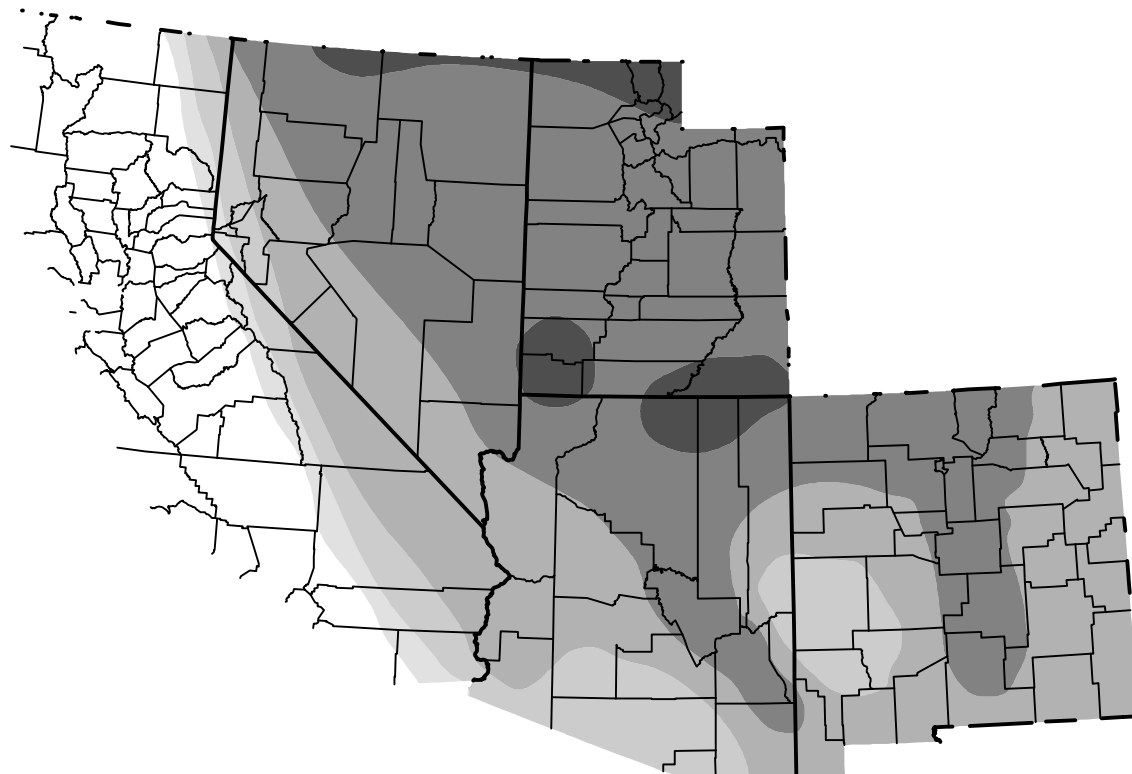


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.16	2.61	9.66	27.63	37.45	4.48
Last Week <i>08-21-2003</i>	18.15	2.61	10.59	27.85	36.36	4.45
3 Months Ago <i>05-29-2003</i>	17.53	3.91	13.73	31.93	32.18	0.72
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>08-29-2002</i>	2.30	12.21	19.37	27.02	29.20	9.91

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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