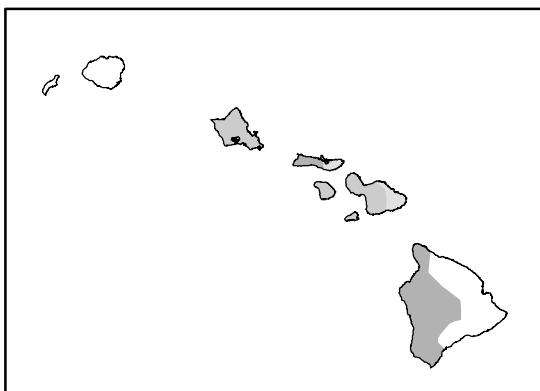
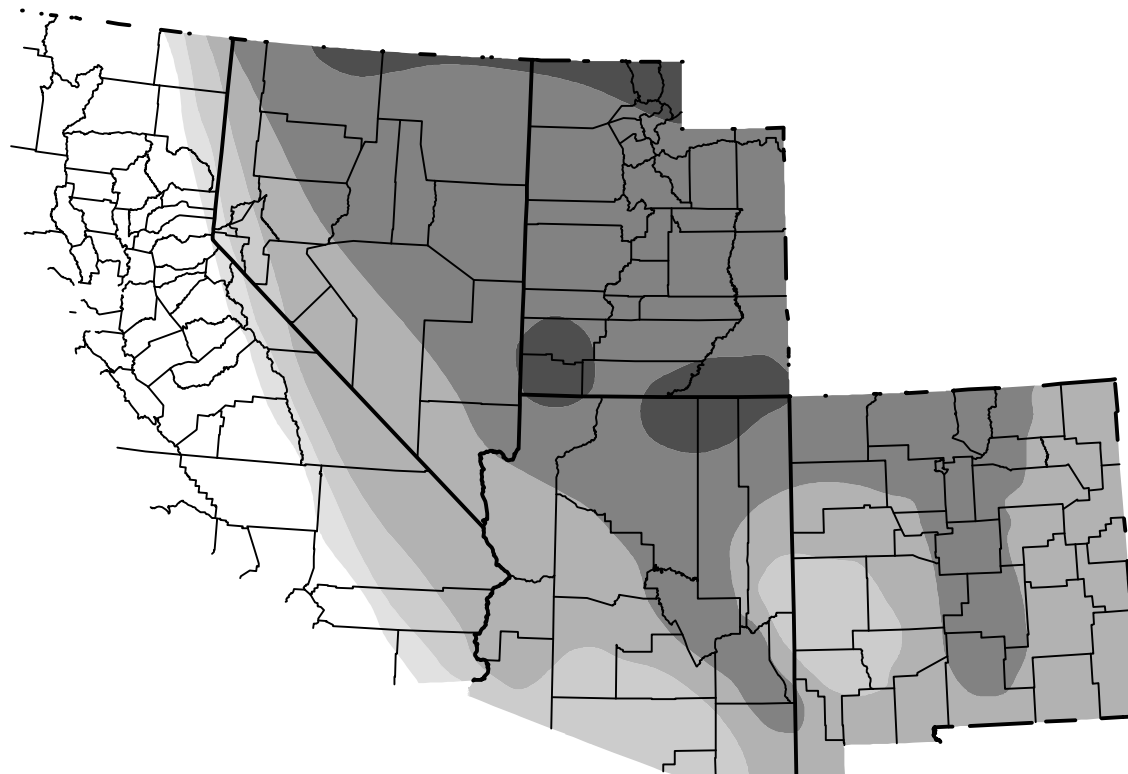


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.16	81.84	79.23	69.57	41.94	4.48
Last Week <i>08-21-2003</i>	18.15	81.85	79.24	68.65	40.80	4.45
3 Months Ago <i>05-29-2003</i>	17.53	82.47	78.56	64.83	32.90	0.72
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>08-29-2002</i>	2.30	97.70	85.49	66.13	39.11	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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