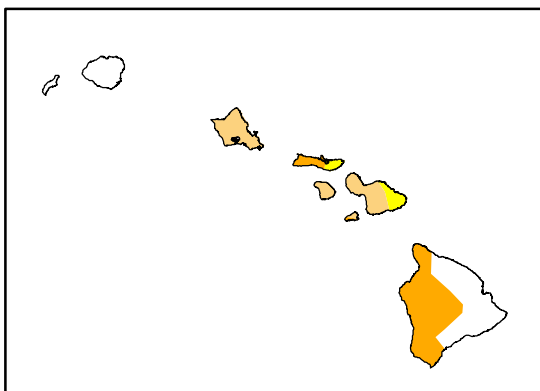
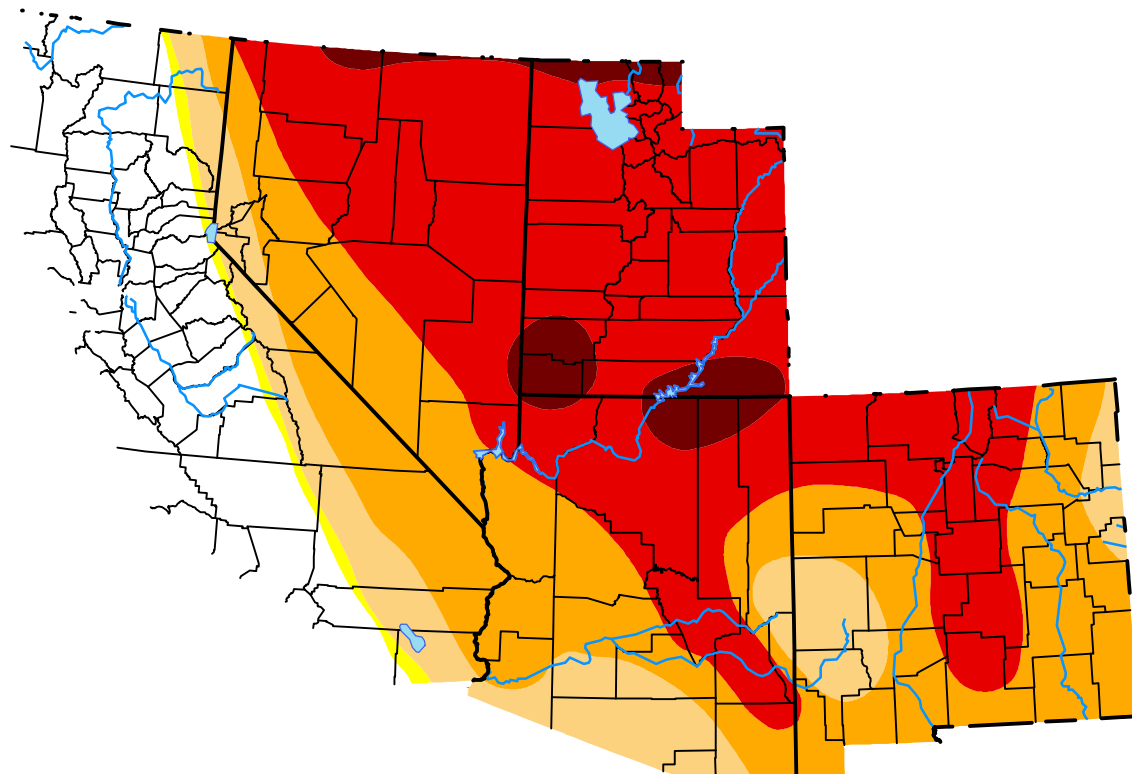


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.76	1.15	11.45	27.90	37.94	3.80
Last Week <i>08-28-2003</i>	18.16	2.61	9.66	27.63	37.45	4.48
3 Months Ago <i>06-05-2003</i>	16.83	3.87	15.84	29.91	32.78	0.77
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>09-05-2002</i>	2.41	12.02	19.39	28.13	28.32	9.73

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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