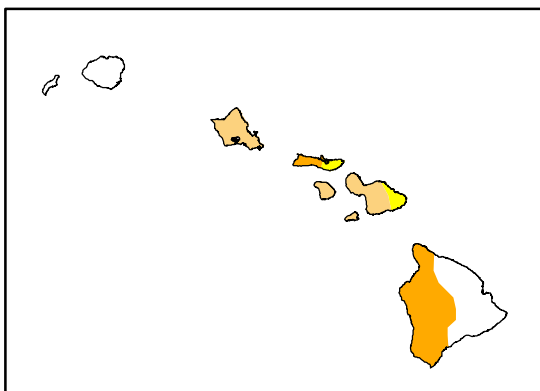
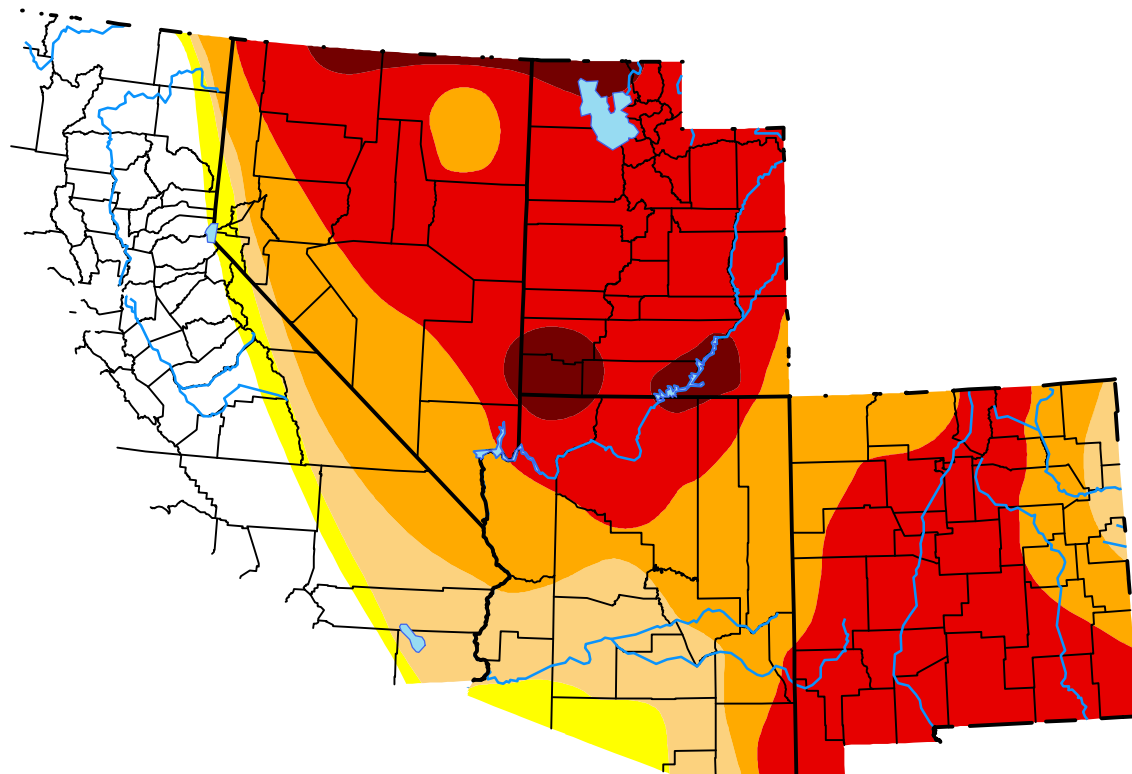


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 7, 2003**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0   | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 18.17 | 4.00 | 10.67 | 24.11 | 39.78 | 3.27 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>10-02-2003              | 18.46 | 4.16 | 11.20 | 21.71 | 40.95 | 3.52 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>07-10-2003           | 16.70 | 6.51 | 12.16 | 26.52 | 35.76 | 2.34 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-02-2003 | 18.08 | 7.73 | 15.93 | 36.52 | 19.37 | 2.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-02-2003    | 18.46 | 4.16 | 11.20 | 21.71 | 40.95 | 3.52 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>10-10-2002           | 0.93  | 8.03 | 36.19 | 26.15 | 25.59 | 3.10 |

### 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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