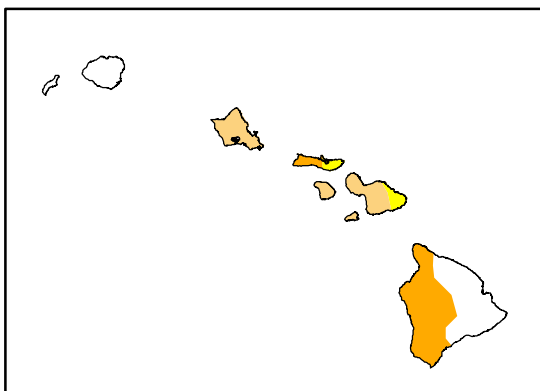
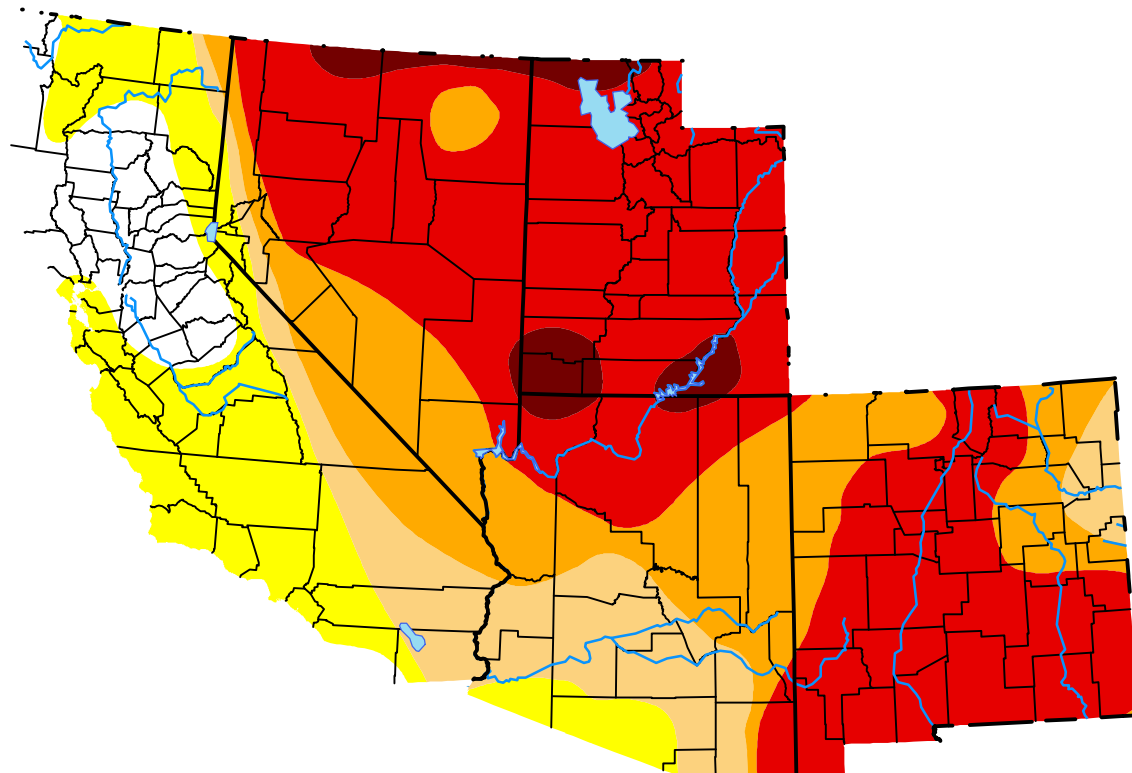


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 14, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 7.91  | 14.79 | 11.45 | 20.49 | 42.11 | 3.25 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-09-2003</i>              | 18.17 | 4.00  | 10.67 | 24.11 | 39.78 | 3.27 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-17-2003</i>           | 16.60 | 5.27  | 11.37 | 25.02 | 39.54 | 2.20 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2003</i> | 18.08 | 7.73  | 15.93 | 36.52 | 19.37 | 2.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2003</i>    | 18.46 | 4.16  | 11.20 | 21.71 | 40.95 | 3.52 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-17-2002</i>           | 0.94  | 8.09  | 36.42 | 25.89 | 25.61 | 3.05 |

### 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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