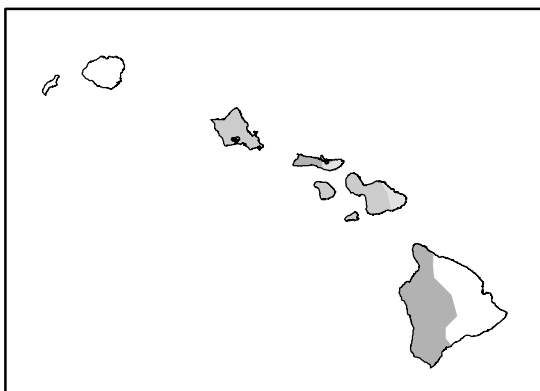
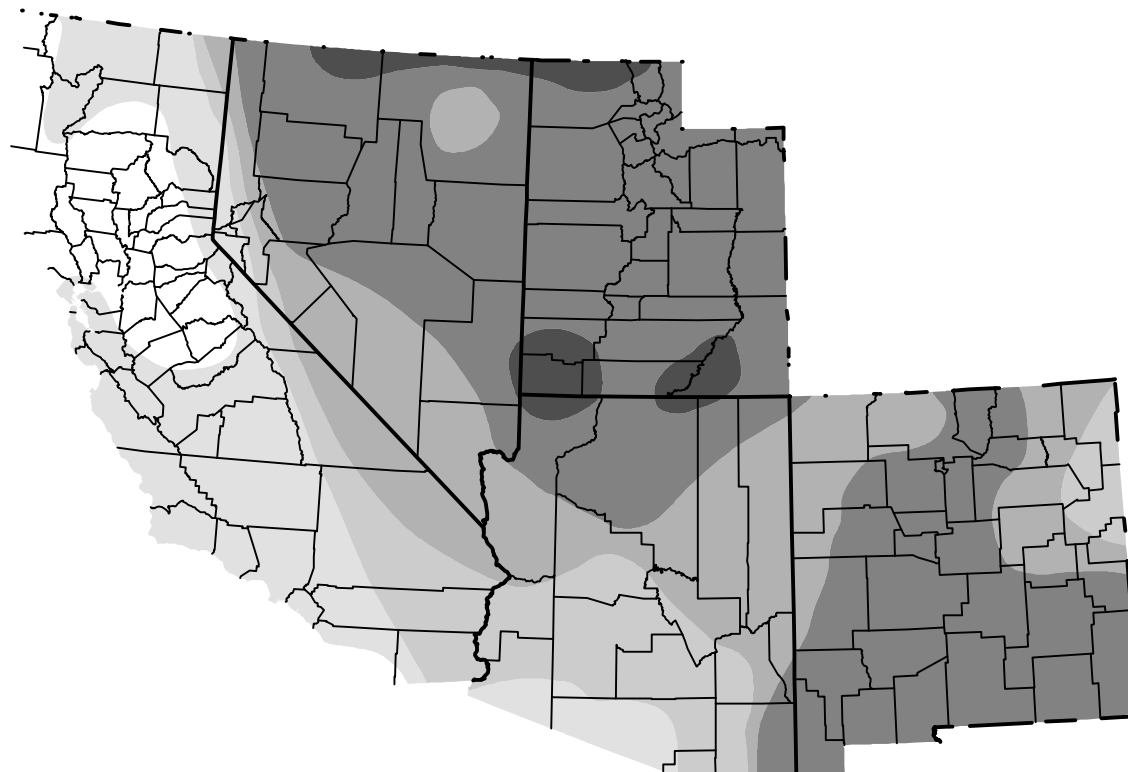


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	7.91	14.79	11.45	20.49	42.11	3.25
Last Week <i>10-09-2003</i>	18.17	4.00	10.67	24.11	39.78	3.27
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2003</i>	16.60	5.27	11.37	25.02	39.54	2.20
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>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago <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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