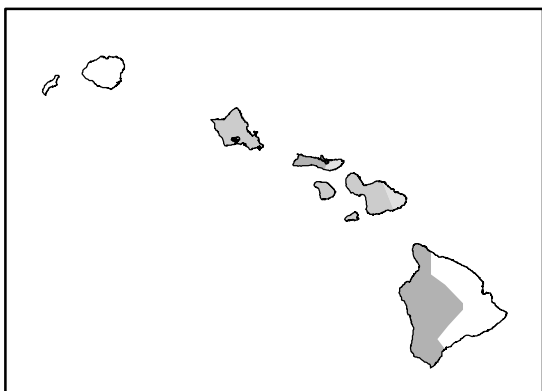
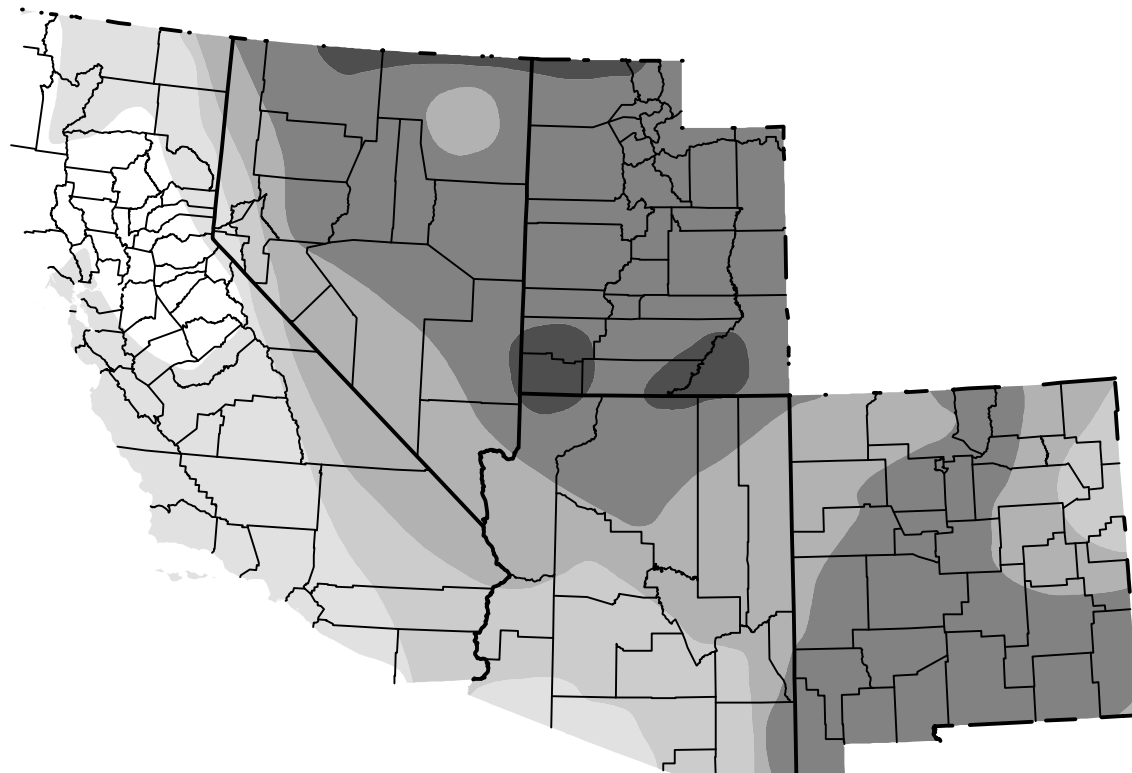


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 7.52  | 13.91 | 12.08 | 22.94 | 40.53 | 3.03 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-16-2003</i>              | 7.91  | 14.79 | 11.45 | 20.49 | 42.11 | 3.25 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-24-2003</i>           | 16.82 | 4.58  | 11.87 | 23.67 | 38.99 | 4.07 |
| <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>10-24-2002</i>           | 1.04  | 7.64  | 36.48 | 26.01 | 25.74 | 3.09 |

### 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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