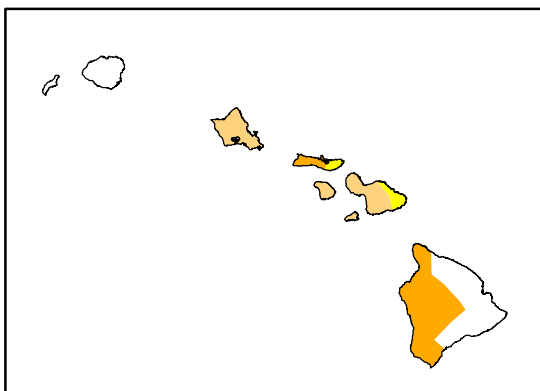
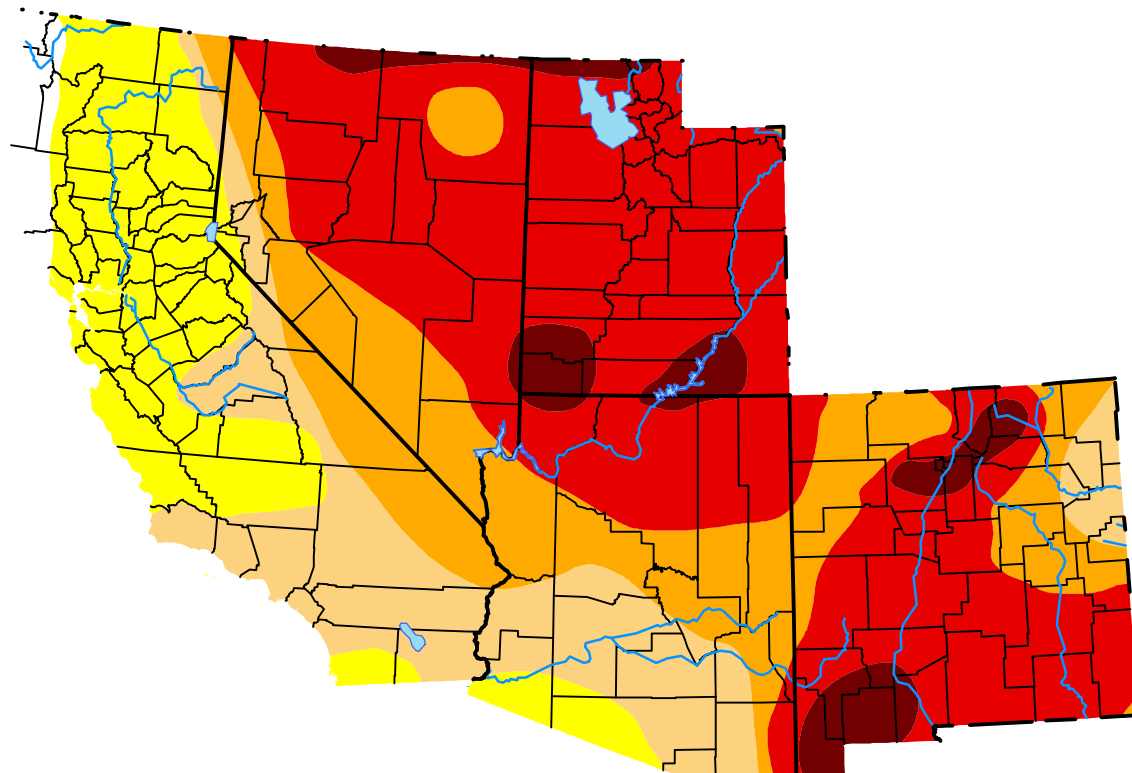


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.16	15.30	16.12	20.38	40.56	5.47
Last Week 10-23-2003	7.52	13.91	12.08	22.94	40.53	3.03
3 Months Ago 07-31-2003	17.07	3.54	13.62	23.61	37.12	5.04
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago 10-31-2002	1.04	8.08	37.37	24.87	25.42	3.21

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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