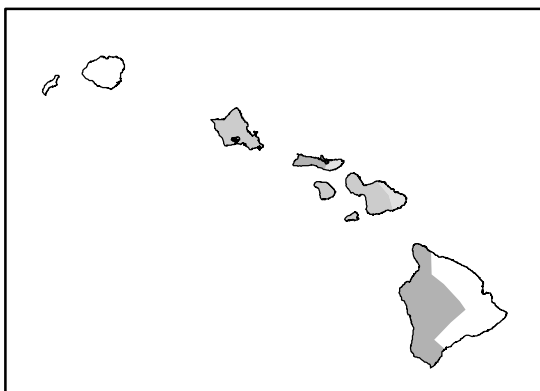
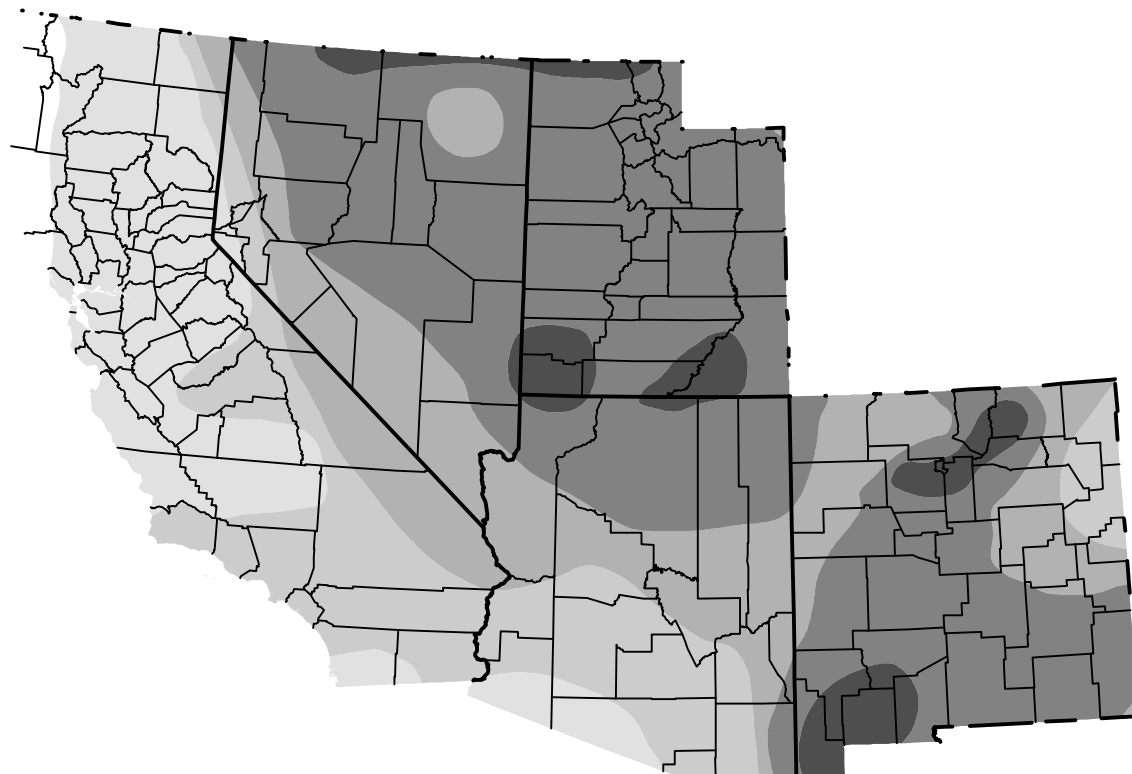


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.16	97.84	82.54	66.42	46.04	5.47
Last Week <i>10-23-2003</i>	7.52	92.48	78.58	66.49	43.55	3.03
3 Months Ago <i>07-31-2003</i>	17.07	82.93	79.39	65.77	42.16	5.04
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago <i>10-31-2002</i>	1.04	98.96	90.88	53.51	28.64	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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