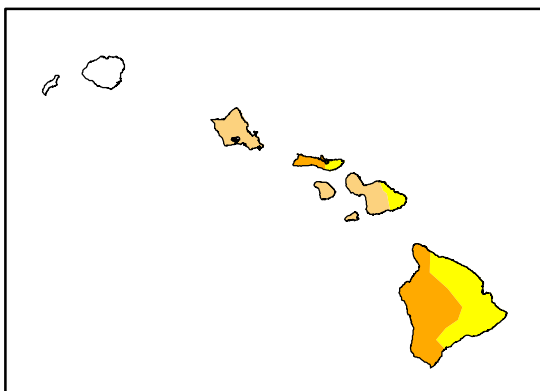
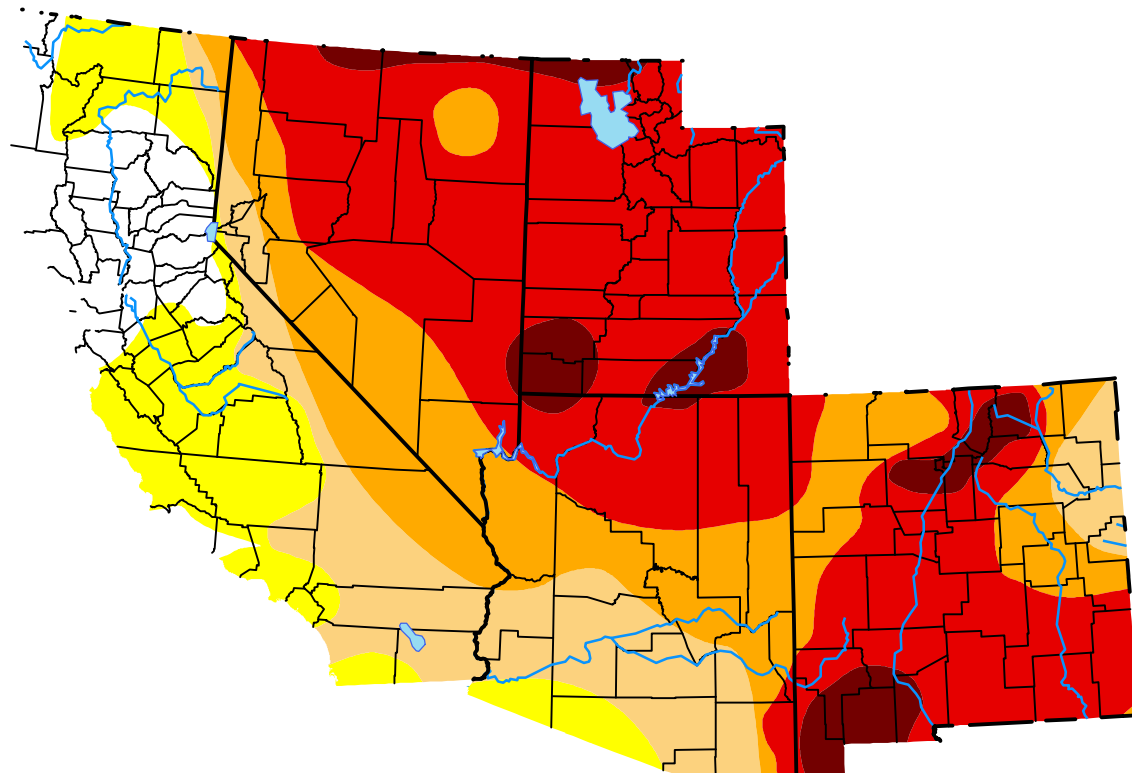


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.84	92.16	80.42	66.38	45.84	5.71
Last Week <i>10-30-2003</i>	2.16	97.84	82.54	66.42	46.04	5.47
3 Months Ago <i>08-07-2003</i>	17.23	82.77	79.70	66.36	40.92	4.47
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>11-07-2002</i>	1.04	98.96	90.18	59.01	28.43	3.11

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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