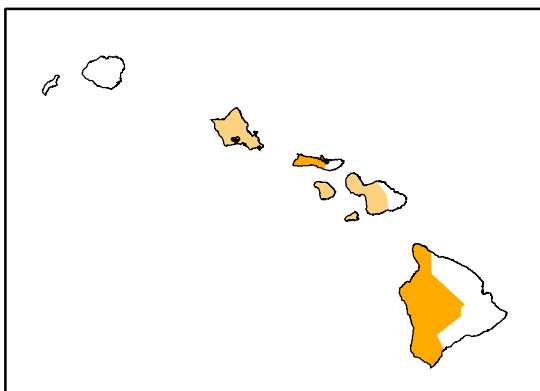
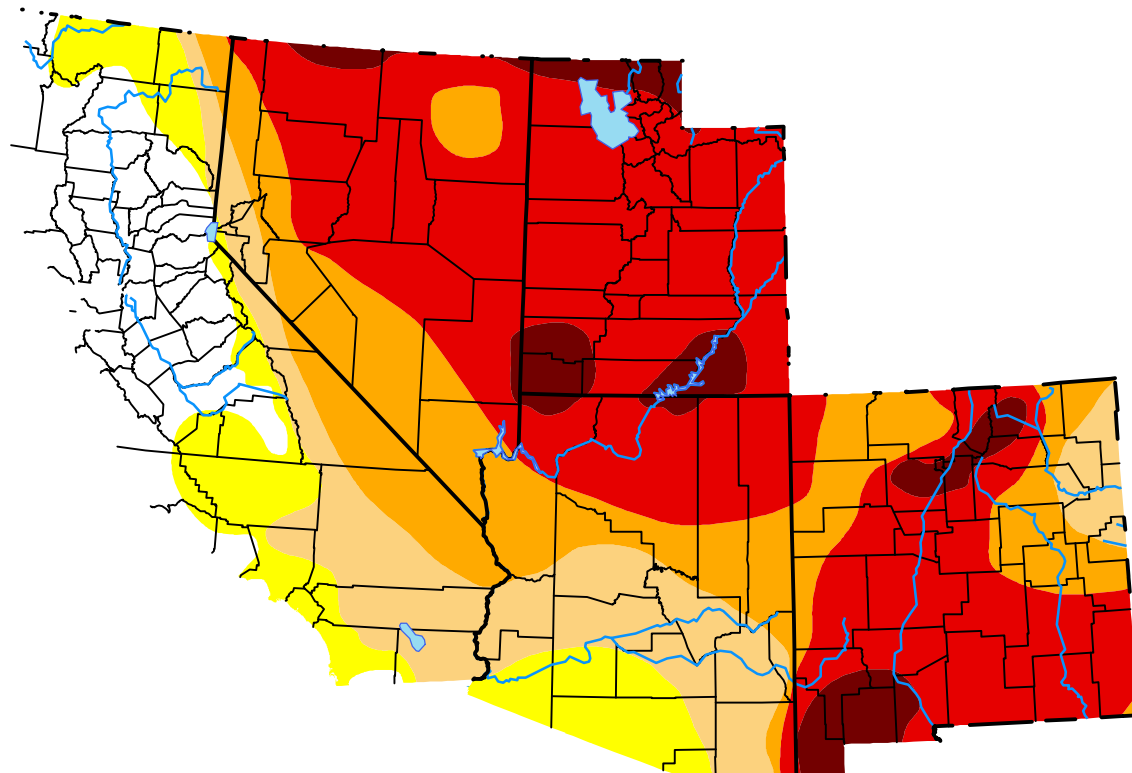


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**November 18, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 12.30 | 9.35  | 13.82 | 19.54 | 39.28 | 5.71 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-13-2003</i>              | 12.29 | 7.86  | 13.86 | 20.40 | 39.71 | 5.87 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>08-21-2003</i>           | 18.15 | 2.61  | 10.59 | 27.85 | 36.36 | 4.45 |
| <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>11-21-2002</i>           | 2.51  | 20.75 | 30.97 | 23.10 | 20.37 | 2.30 |

### 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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