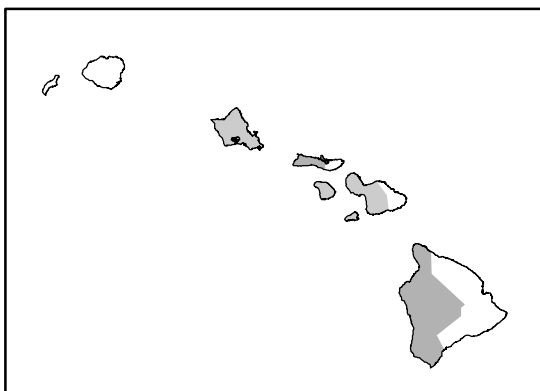
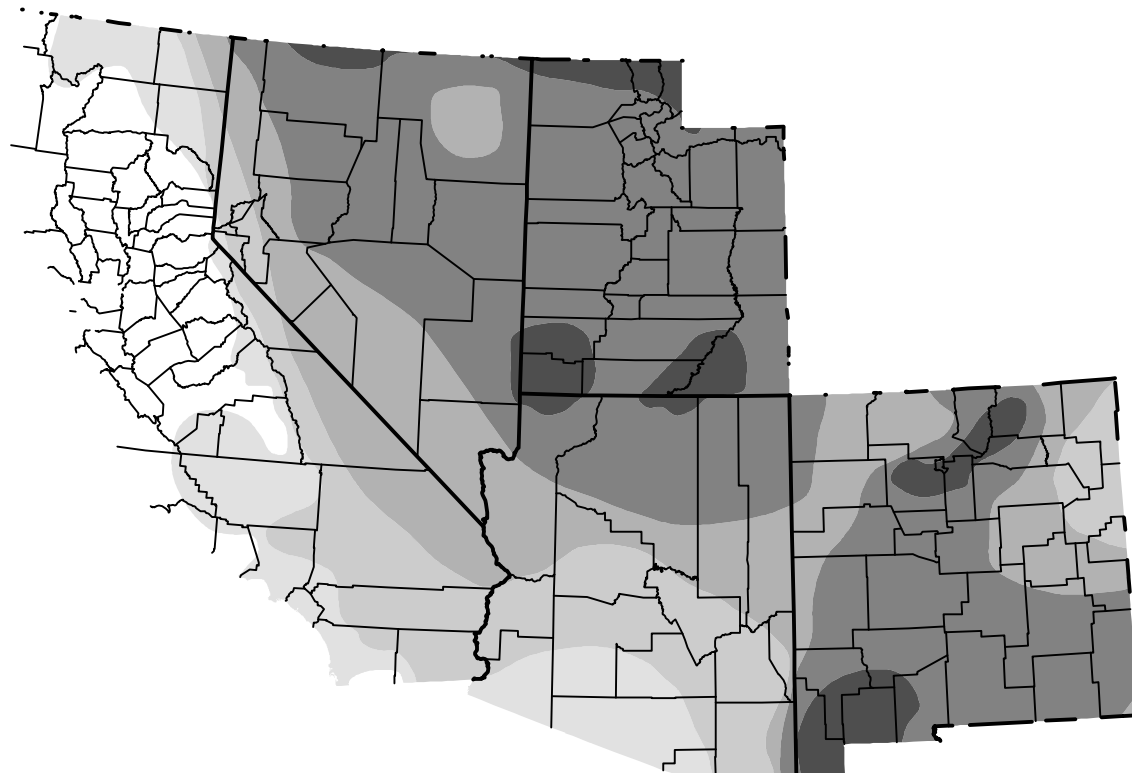


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.30	9.35	13.82	19.54	39.28	5.71
Last Week <i>11-13-2003</i>	12.29	7.86	13.86	20.40	39.71	5.87
3 Months Ago <i>08-21-2003</i>	18.15	2.61	10.59	27.85	36.36	4.45
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago <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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