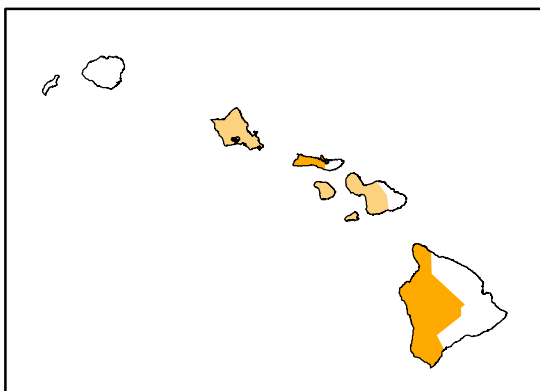
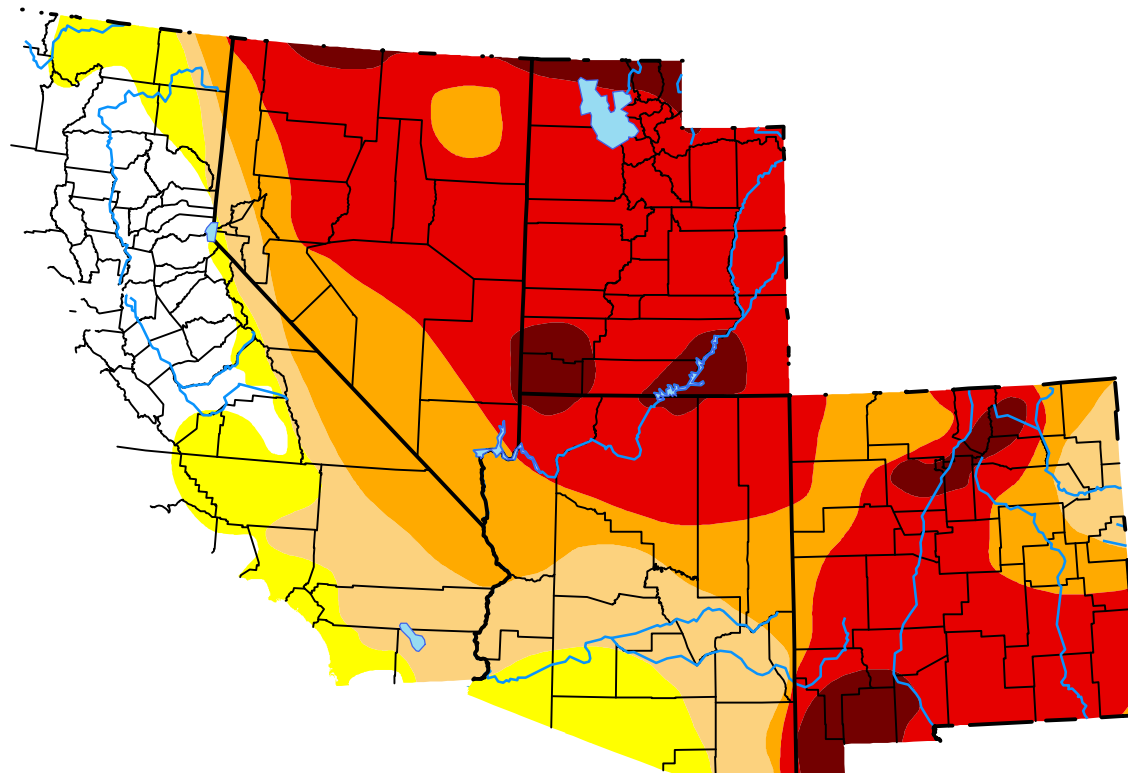


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.30	87.70	78.35	64.53	44.99	5.71
Last Week <i>11-13-2003</i>	12.29	87.71	79.84	65.98	45.58	5.87
3 Months Ago <i>08-21-2003</i>	18.15	81.85	79.24	68.65	40.80	4.45
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>11-21-2002</i>	2.51	97.49	76.74	45.76	22.67	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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