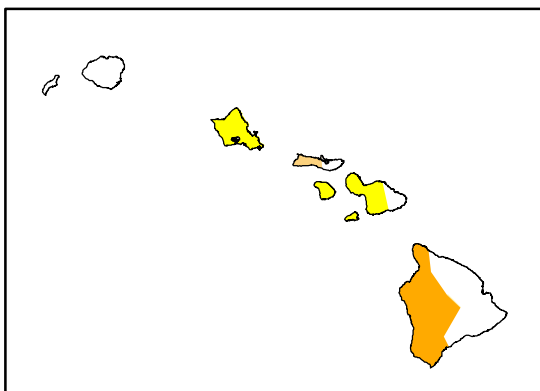
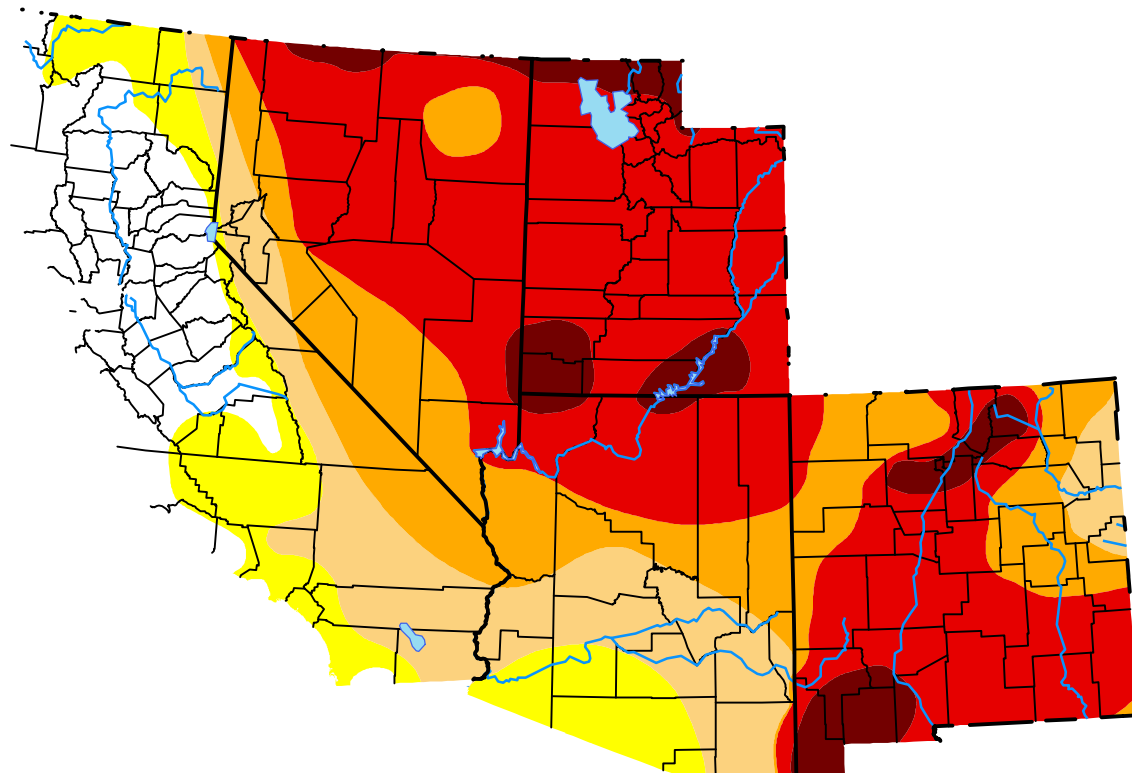


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.08	10.15	14.03	18.47	39.02	6.24
Last Week <i>11-26-2003</i>	12.68	9.37	13.72	19.07	39.32	5.84
3 Months Ago <i>09-04-2003</i>	17.76	1.15	11.45	27.90	37.94	3.80
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>12-05-2002</i>	2.54	21.06	30.68	24.25	19.33	2.13

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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