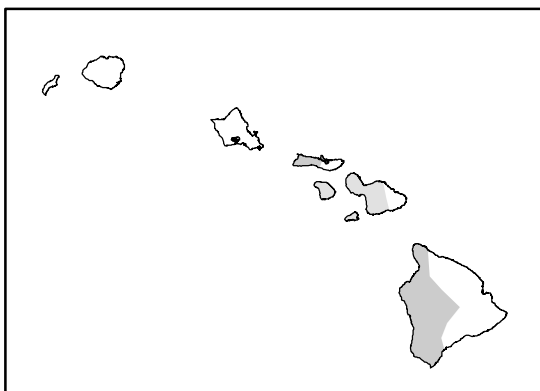
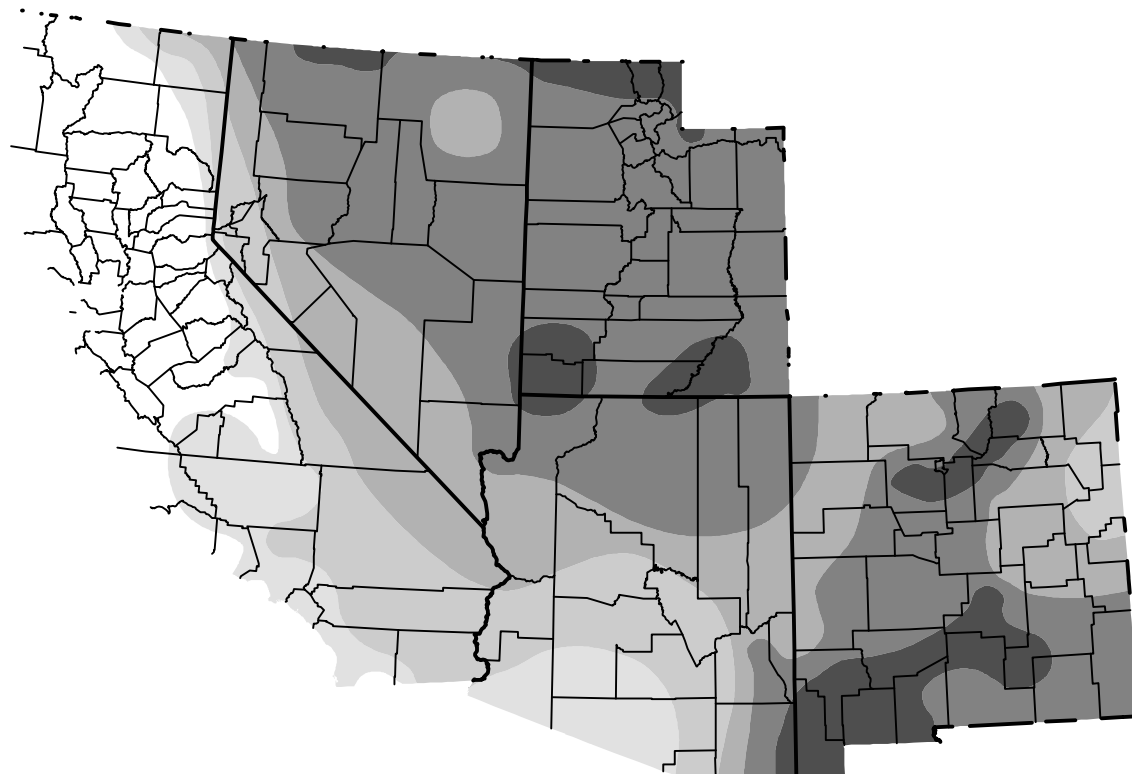


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.29	86.71	78.48	65.36	46.51	8.28
Last Week 12-18-2003	13.57	86.43	77.68	63.96	45.41	6.25
3 Months Ago 09-25-2003	18.18	81.82	79.49	68.03	45.01	3.44
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago 12-26-2002	17.09	82.91	75.72	59.74	22.00	2.37

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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