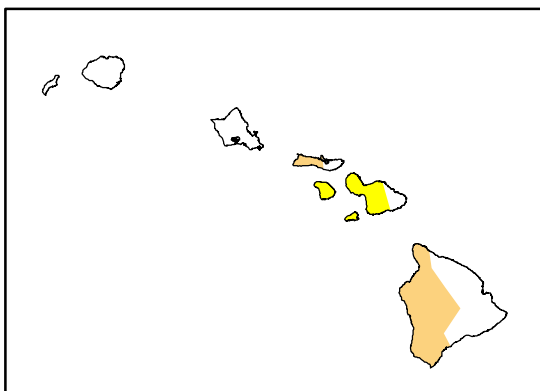
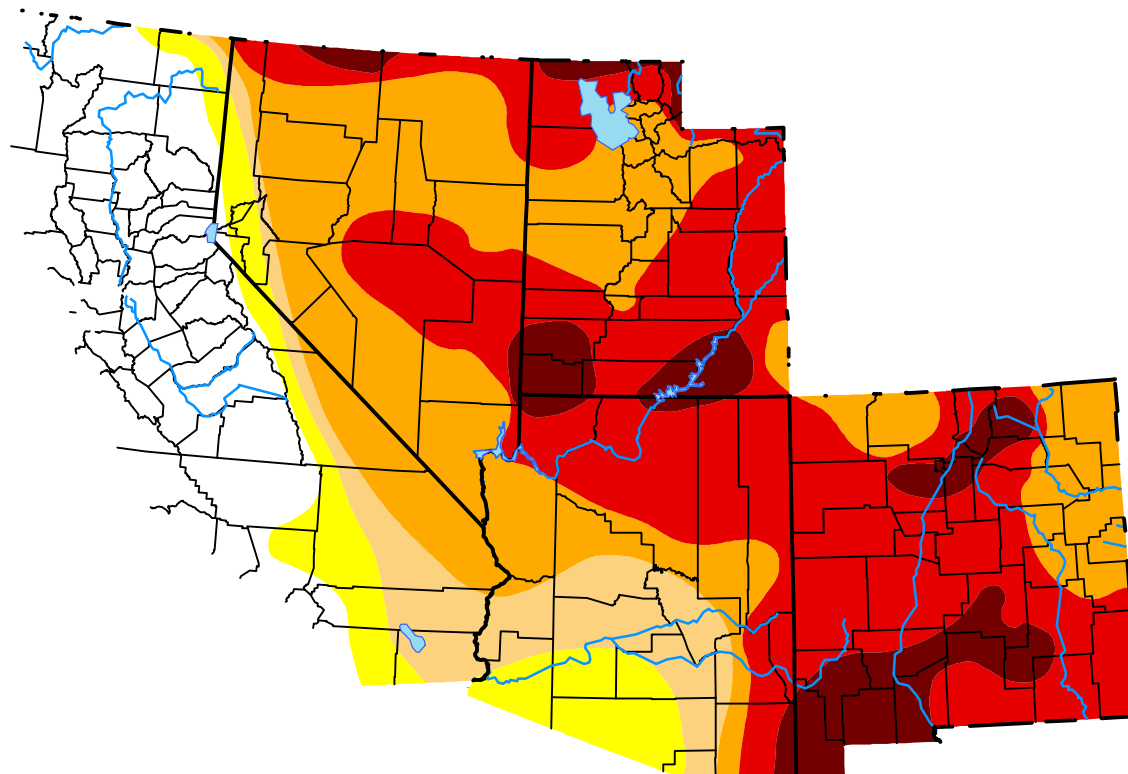


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 30, 2003**  
(Released Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 18.57 | 81.43 | 74.25 | 65.97 | 39.04 | 7.96 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-24-2003              | 13.29 | 86.71 | 78.48 | 65.36 | 46.51 | 8.28 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>10-02-2003           | 18.46 | 81.54 | 77.38 | 66.18 | 44.47 | 3.52 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-02-2003 | 18.08 | 81.92 | 74.19 | 58.26 | 21.74 | 2.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-02-2003    | 18.46 | 81.54 | 77.38 | 66.18 | 44.47 | 3.52 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>01-02-2003           | 18.08 | 81.92 | 74.19 | 58.26 | 21.74 | 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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