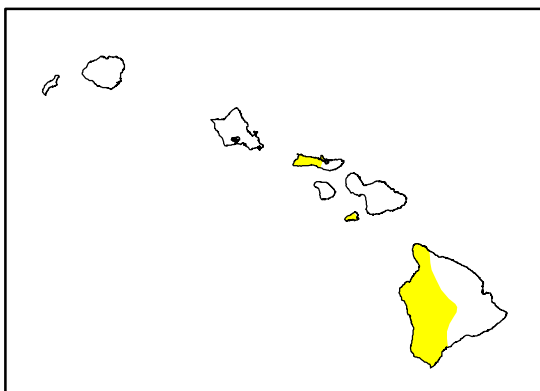
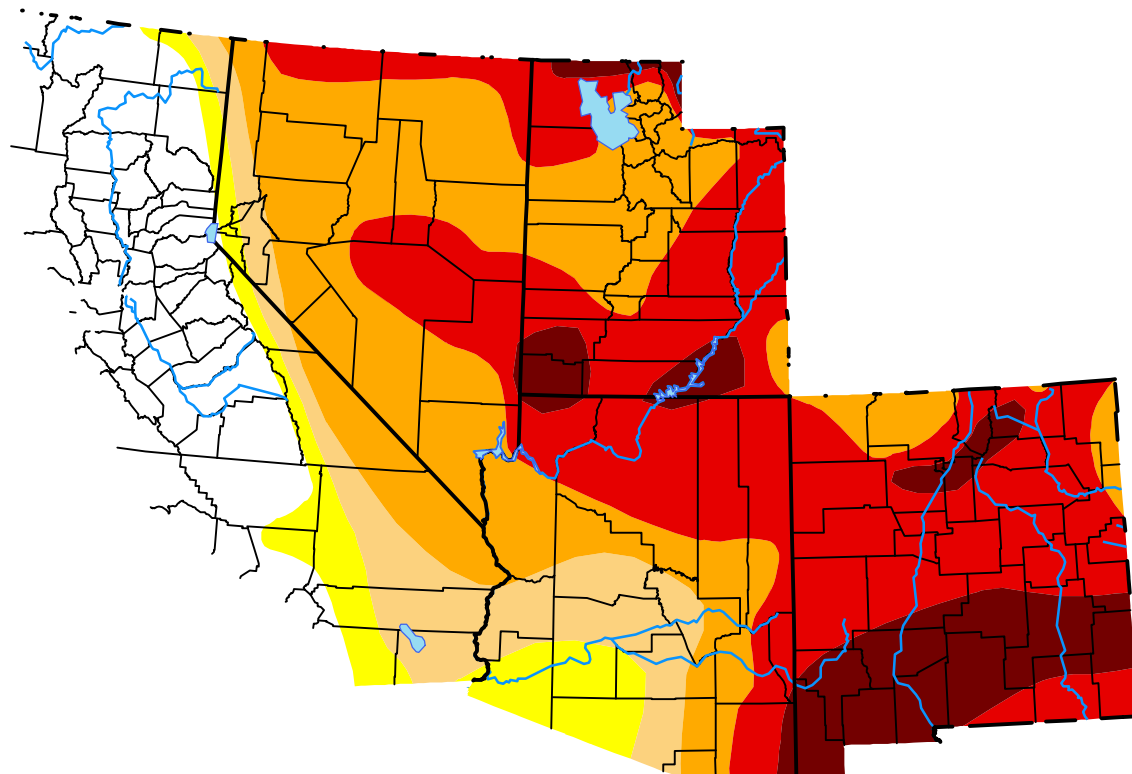


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.05	6.19	8.60	26.72	30.95	9.48
Last Week <i>01-08-2004</i>	19.35	6.47	8.94	24.89	30.61	9.74
3 Months Ago <i>10-16-2003</i>	7.91	14.79	11.45	20.49	42.11	3.25
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
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>01-16-2003</i>	18.36	8.08	15.21	28.07	27.84	2.44

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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