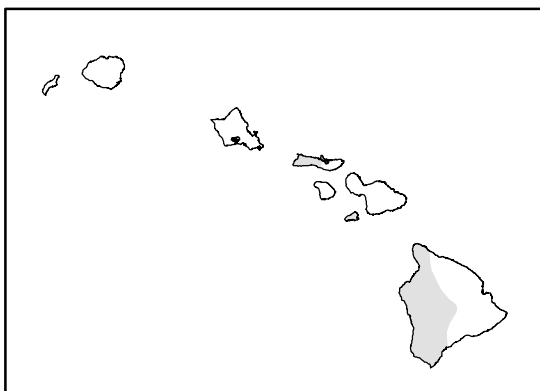
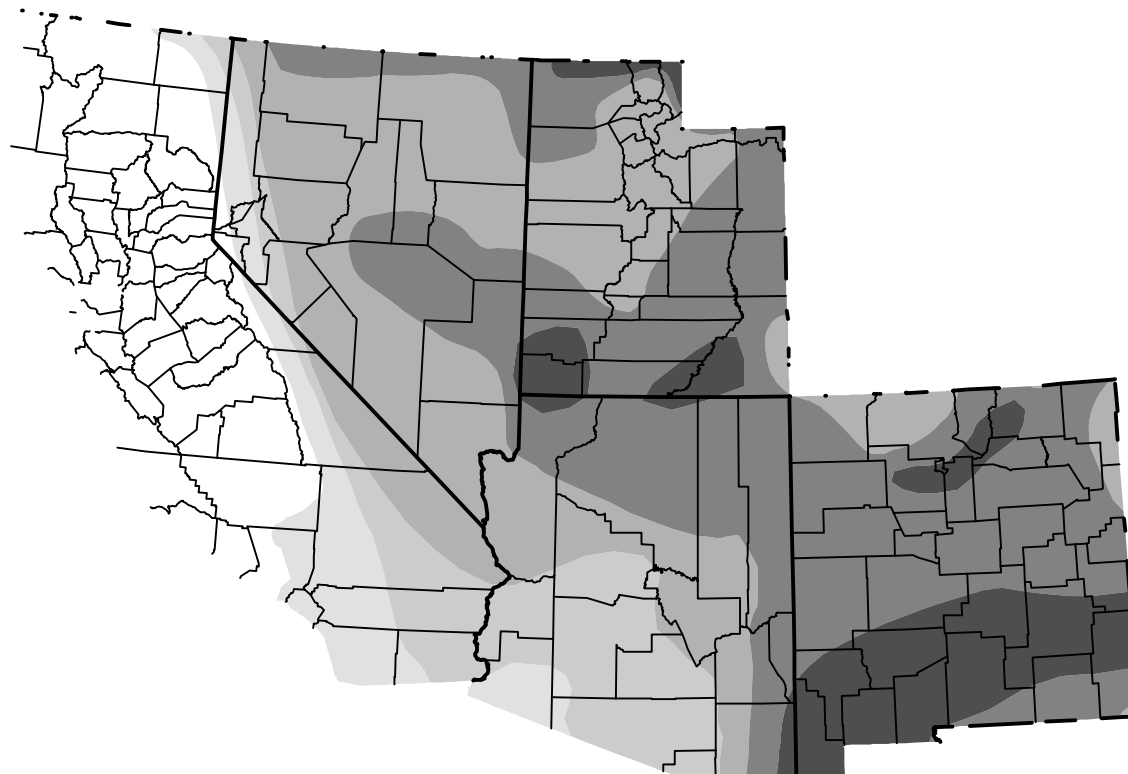


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**January 20, 2004**  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 18.38 | 81.62 | 75.49 | 66.06 | 40.31 | 9.46 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>01-15-2004              | 18.05 | 81.95 | 75.76 | 67.16 | 40.43 | 9.48 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>10-23-2003           | 7.52  | 92.48 | 78.58 | 66.49 | 43.55 | 3.03 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2003 | 18.57 | 81.43 | 74.25 | 65.97 | 39.04 | 7.96 |
| <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>01-23-2003           | 18.65 | 81.35 | 73.29 | 57.62 | 40.86 | 2.19 |

## 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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