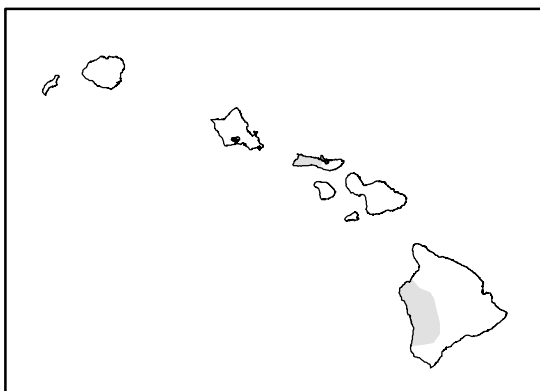
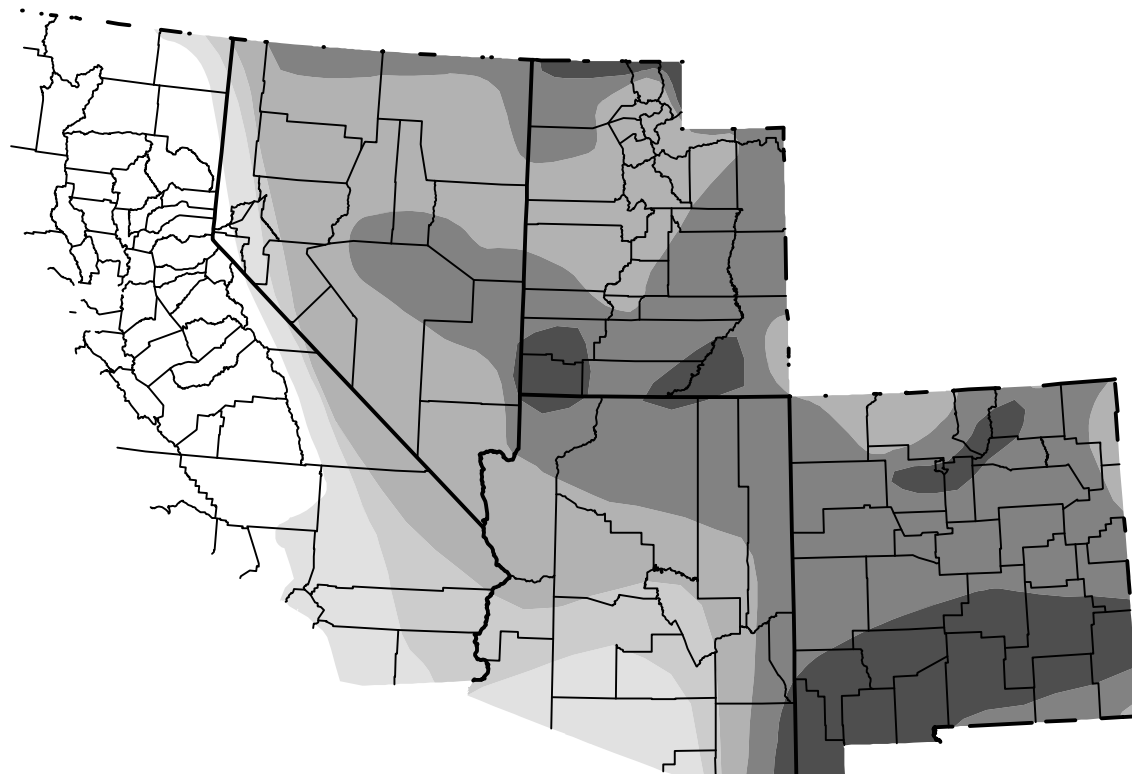


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.95	8.11	6.52	26.37	30.22	9.82
Last Week <i>01-29-2004</i>	18.95	8.52	7.41	25.03	30.29	9.80
3 Months Ago <i>11-06-2003</i>	7.84	11.74	14.04	20.54	40.13	5.71
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>02-06-2003</i>	13.40	12.12	15.91	15.58	40.53	2.45

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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