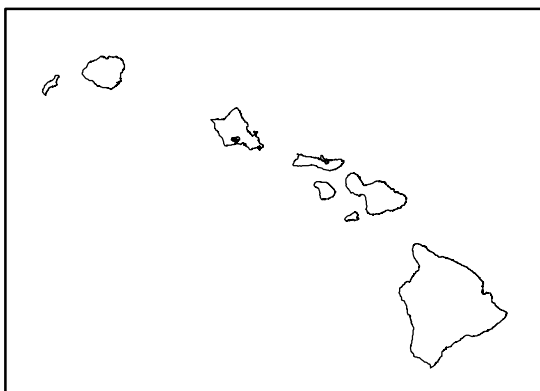
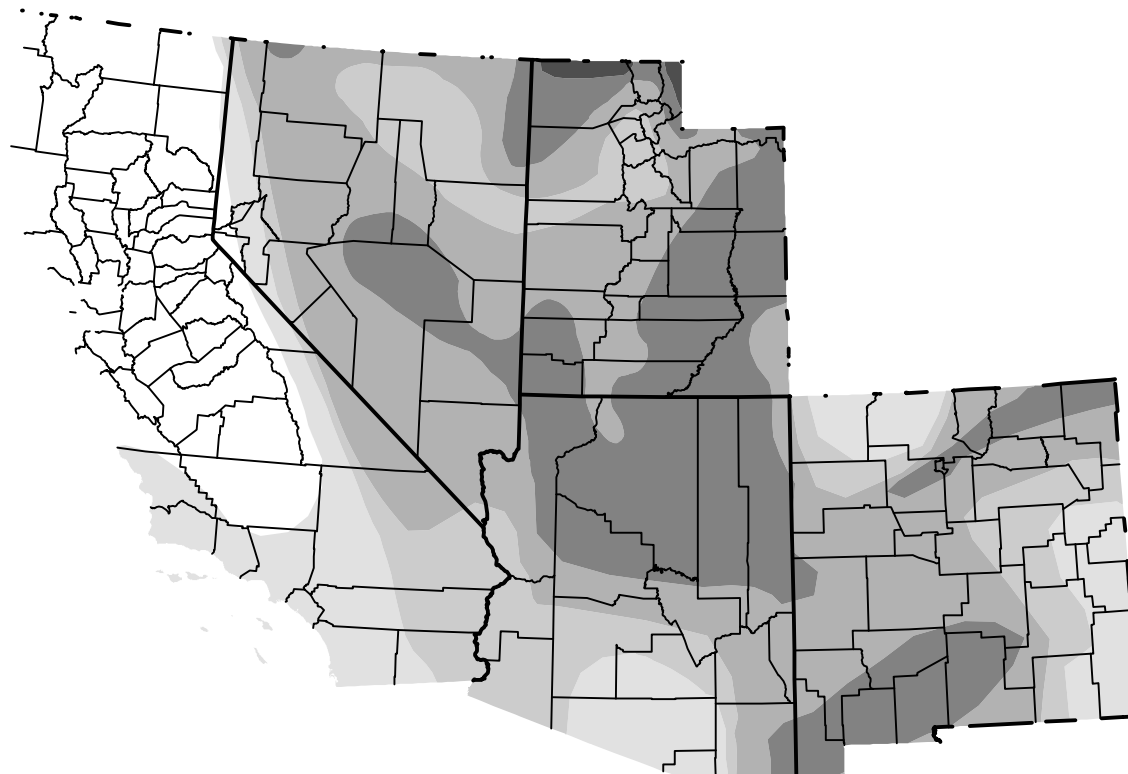


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.87	82.13	69.41	54.39	22.80	0.33
Last Week <i>04-01-2004</i>	17.74	82.26	73.92	62.05	35.75	6.81
3 Months Ago <i>01-08-2004</i>	19.35	80.65	74.18	65.24	40.35	9.74
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago <i>04-10-2003</i>	10.86	89.14	75.48	51.83	32.36	0.00

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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