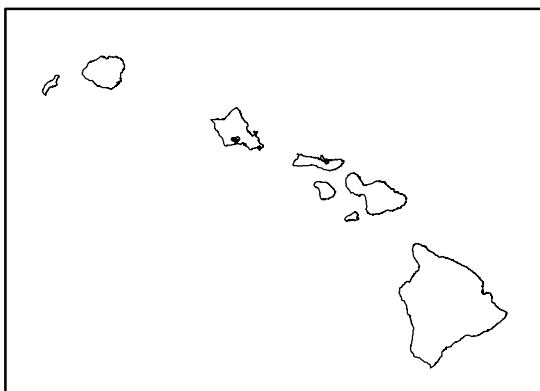
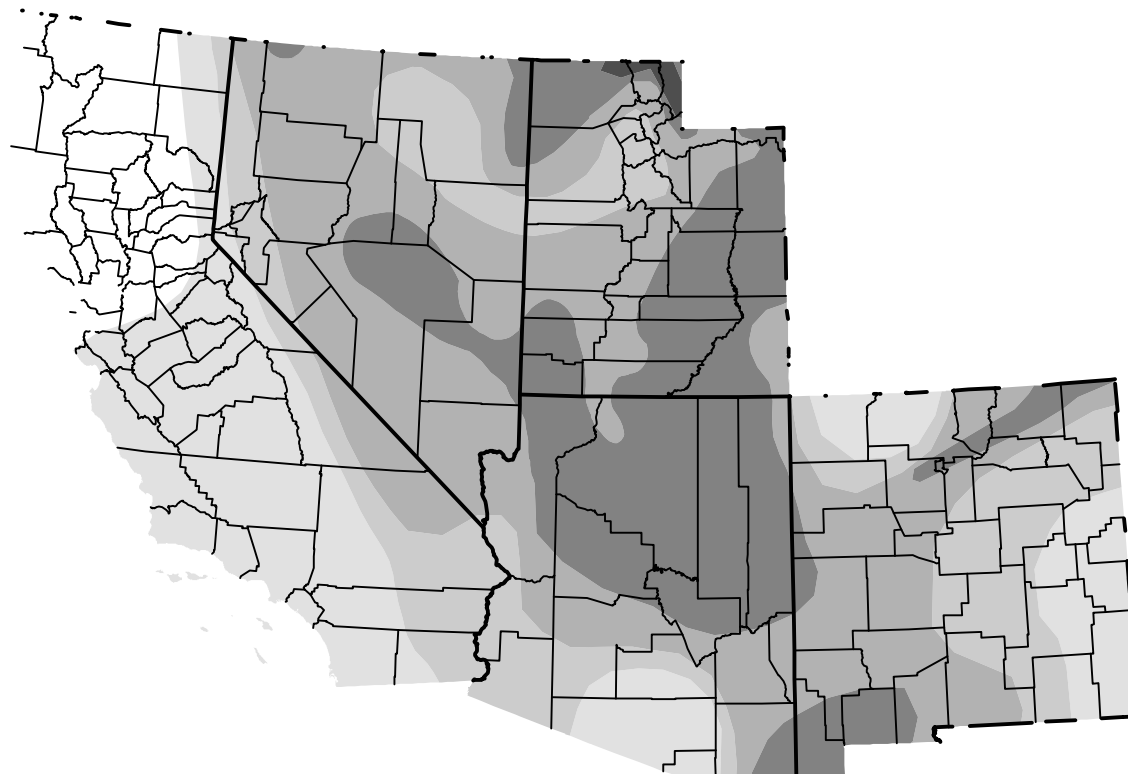


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.51	90.49	70.86	53.22	21.95	0.28
Last Week 04-15-2004	9.51	90.49	70.86	53.22	21.95	0.28
3 Months Ago 01-22-2004	18.38	81.62	75.49	66.06	40.31	9.46
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago 04-24-2003	16.11	83.89	74.98	51.14	31.89	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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