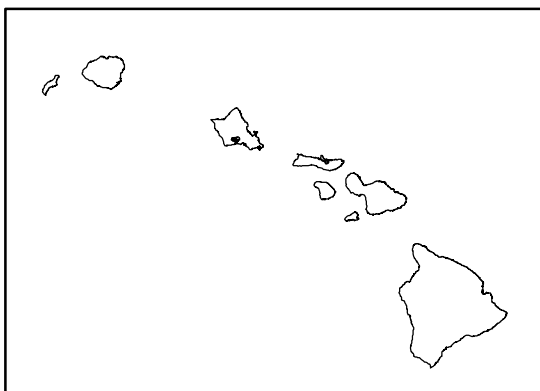
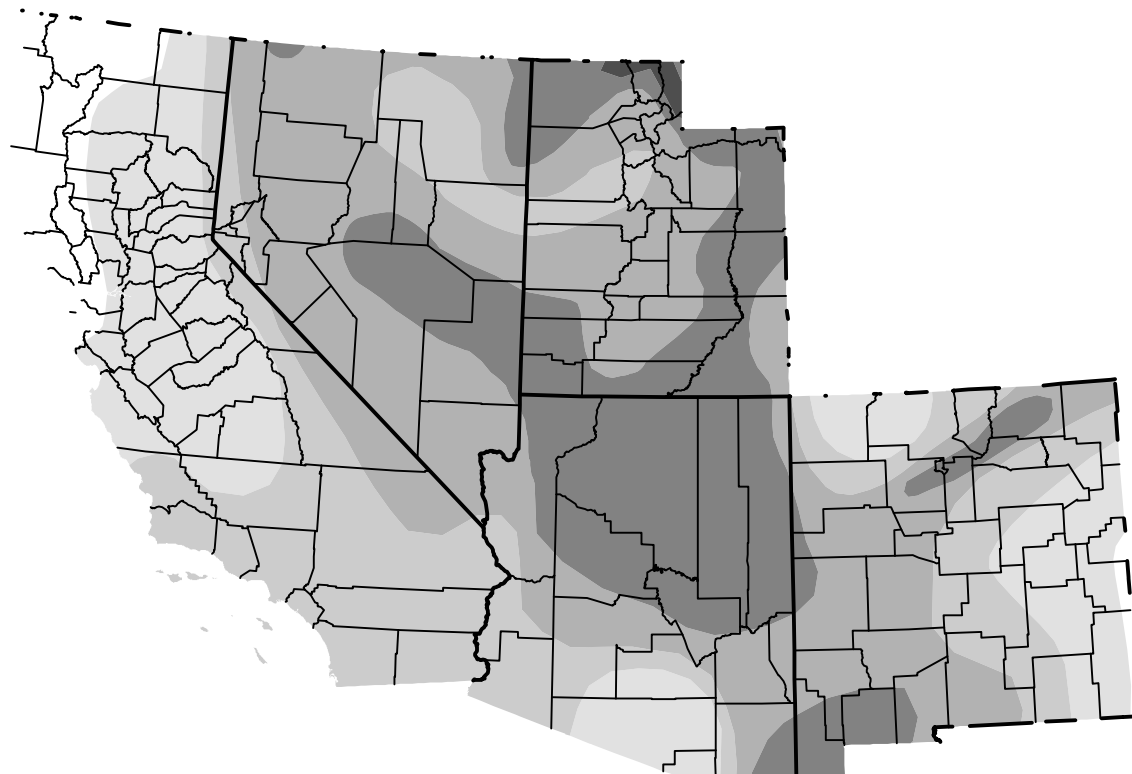


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.79	17.12	22.46	32.57	21.78	0.28
Last Week <i>04-29-2004</i>	9.09	20.04	16.71	32.21	21.66	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>02-05-2004</i>	18.95	8.11	6.52	26.37	30.22	9.82
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>05-08-2003</i>	15.84	4.49	26.06	24.21	29.40	0.01

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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