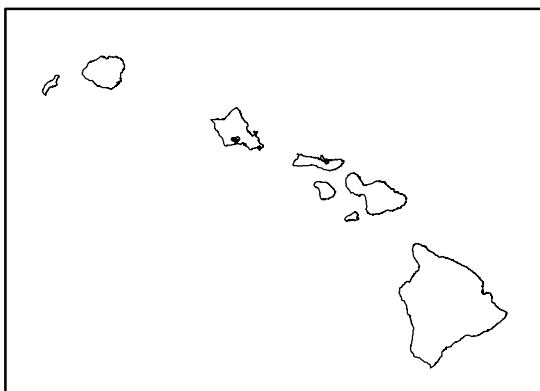
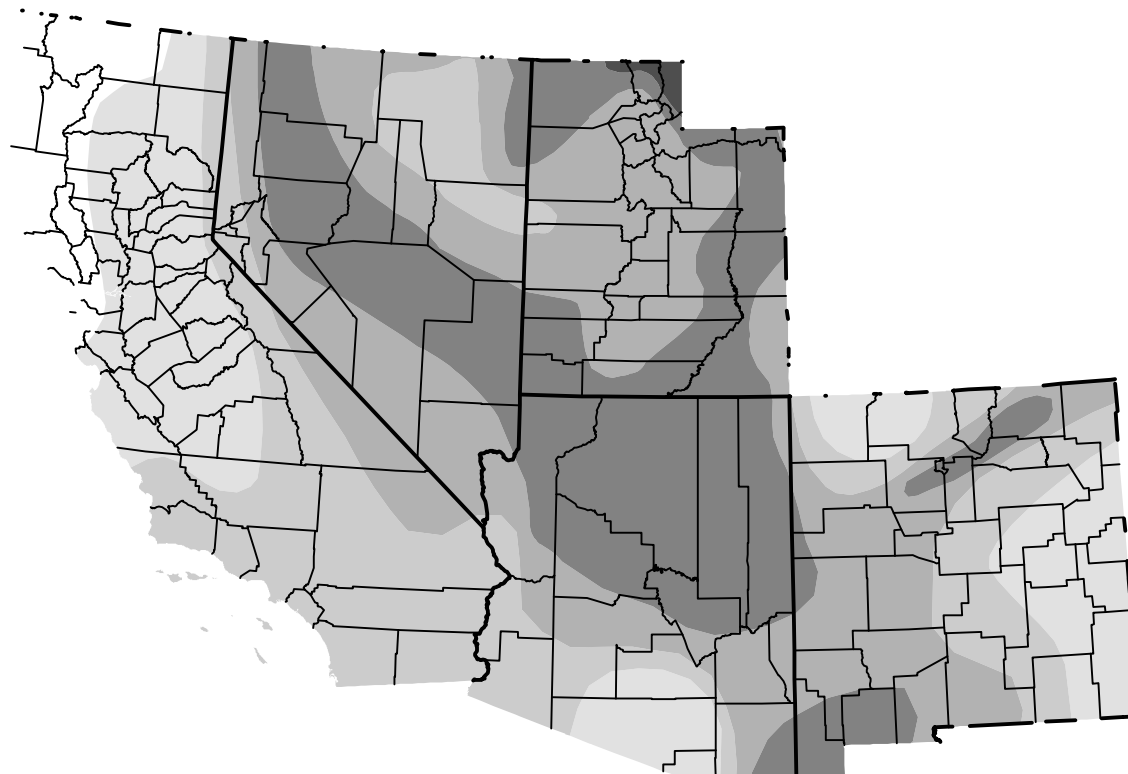


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.55	94.45	77.69	55.29	26.07	0.28
Last Week <i>05-20-2004</i>	5.82	94.18	77.08	54.63	22.06	0.34
3 Months Ago <i>02-26-2004</i>	19.87	80.13	72.91	66.40	38.99	9.82
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>05-29-2003</i>	17.53	82.47	78.56	64.83	32.90	0.72

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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