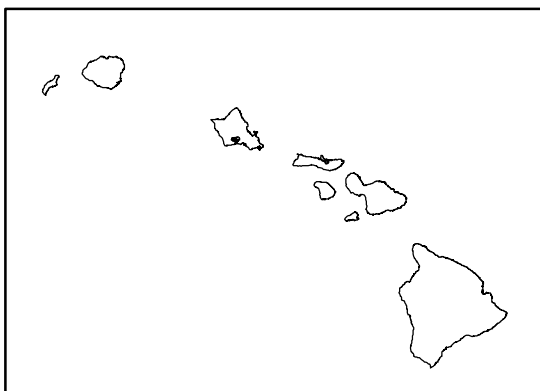
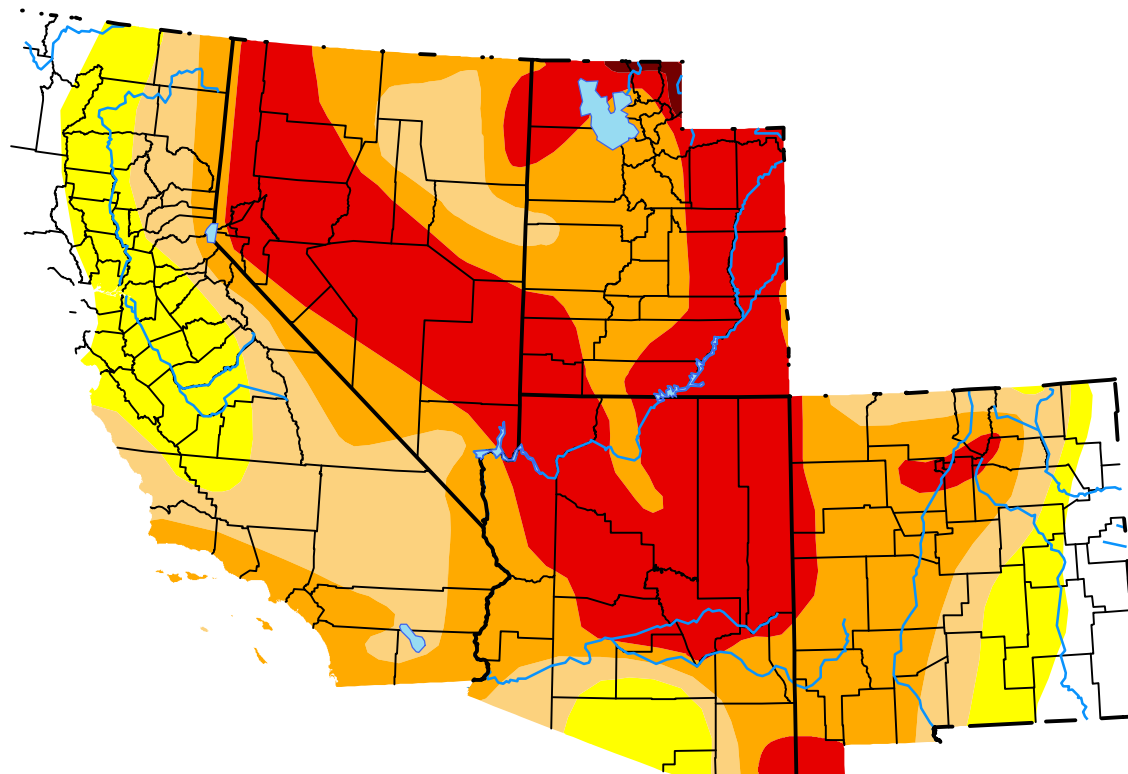


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.37	92.63	80.17	61.65	30.31	0.23
Last Week <i>08-19-2004</i>	6.93	93.07	80.32	61.65	30.65	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>05-27-2004</i>	5.55	94.45	77.69	55.29	26.07	0.28
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>08-28-2003</i>	18.16	81.84	79.23	69.57	41.94	4.48

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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