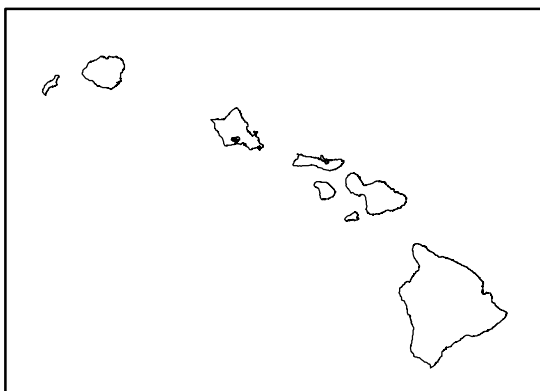
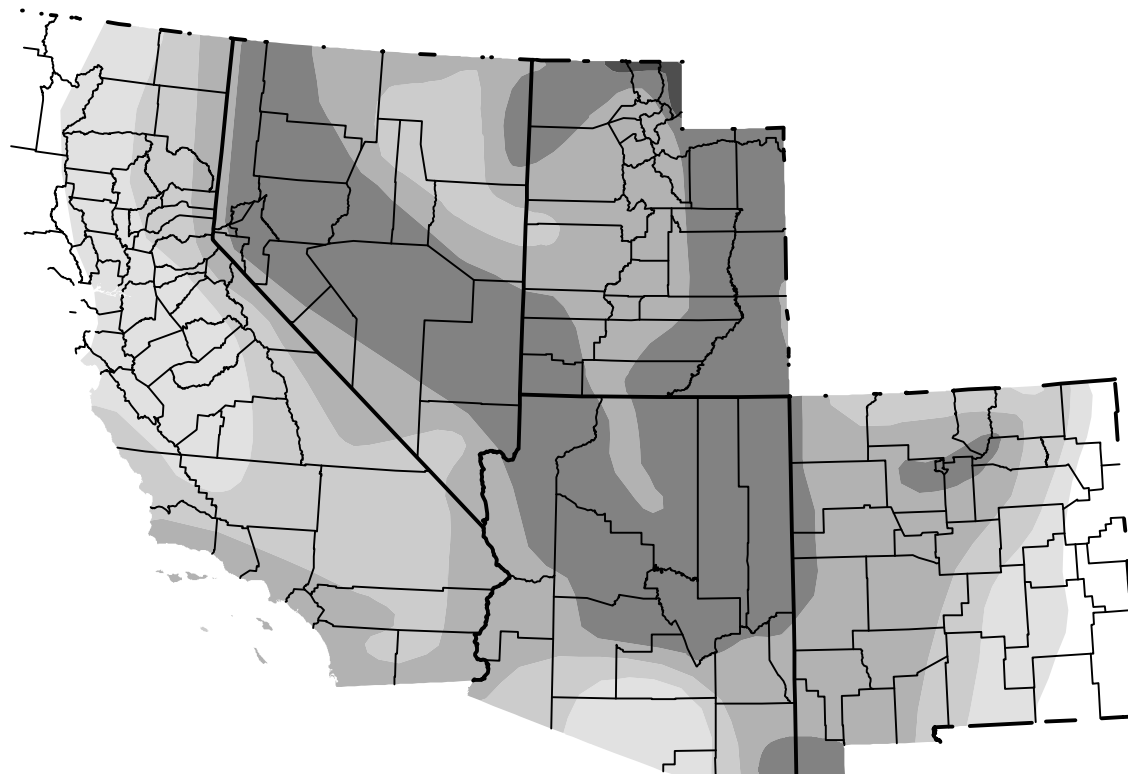


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 7.37  | 92.63 | 80.17 | 61.65 | 30.31 | 0.23 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-19-2004</i>              | 6.93  | 93.07 | 80.32 | 61.65 | 30.65 | 0.28 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-27-2004</i>           | 5.55  | 94.45 | 77.69 | 55.29 | 26.07 | 0.28 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2003</i> | 18.57 | 81.43 | 74.25 | 65.97 | 39.04 | 7.96 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2003</i>    | 18.46 | 81.54 | 77.38 | 66.18 | 44.47 | 3.52 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><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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