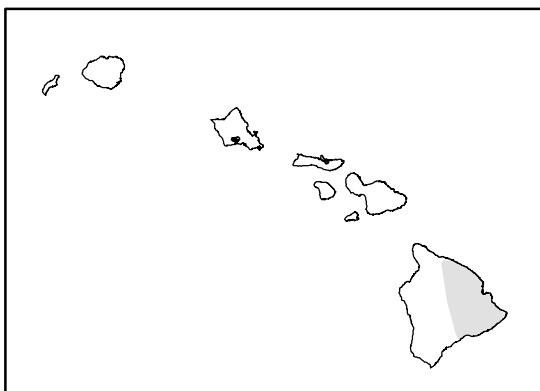
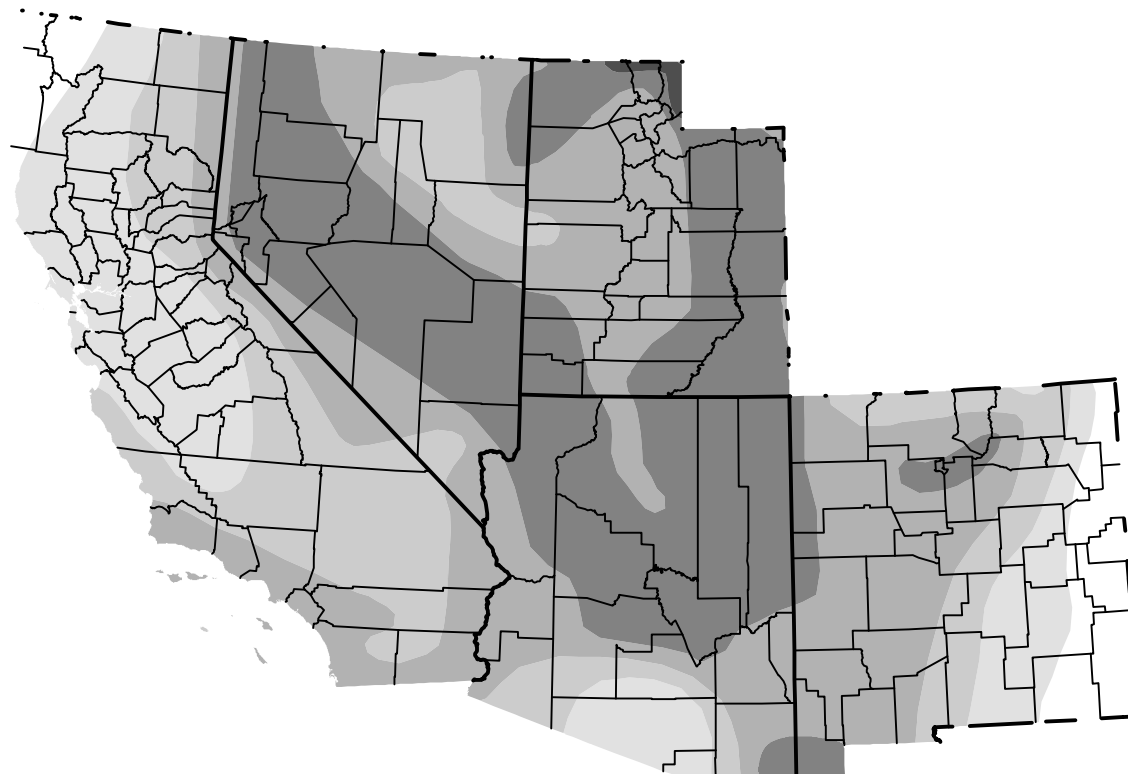


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.45	14.20	18.53	31.88	29.71	0.23
Last Week <i>09-02-2004</i>	5.79	13.86	18.53	31.52	30.07	0.23
3 Months Ago <i>06-10-2004</i>	5.75	15.38	23.20	29.67	25.72	0.28
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>09-11-2003</i>	17.91	1.84	12.22	25.79	38.48	3.77

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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