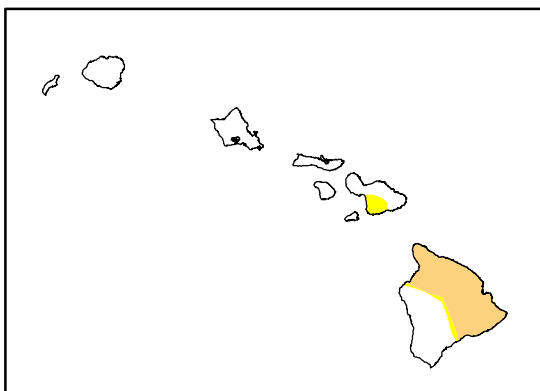
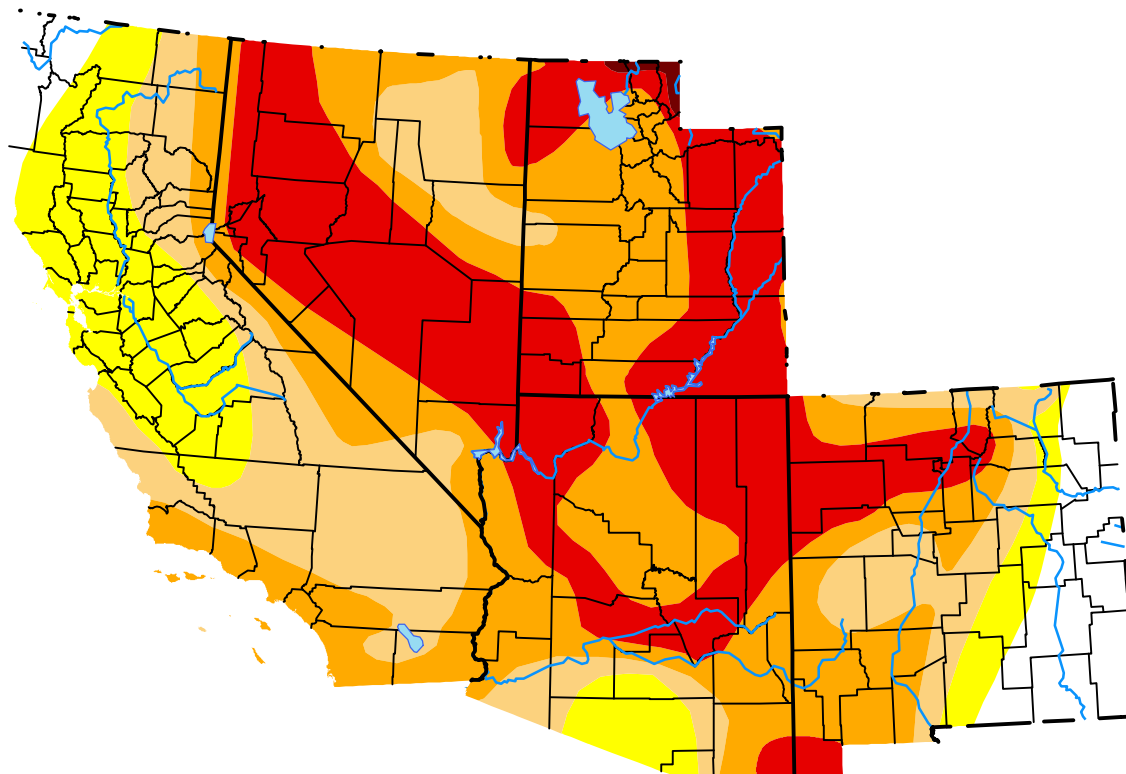


U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

October 12, 2004
(Released Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.30	92.70	79.96	59.97	28.27	0.21
Last Week 10-07-2004	6.73	93.27	80.63	61.56	27.10	0.21
3 Months Ago 07-15-2004	4.99	95.01	82.32	60.54	26.02	0.28
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year 09-30-2004	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago 10-16-2003	7.91	92.09	77.30	65.85	45.36	3.25

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.

Author:

Michael Hayes
National Drought Mitigation Center



droughtmonitor.unl.edu