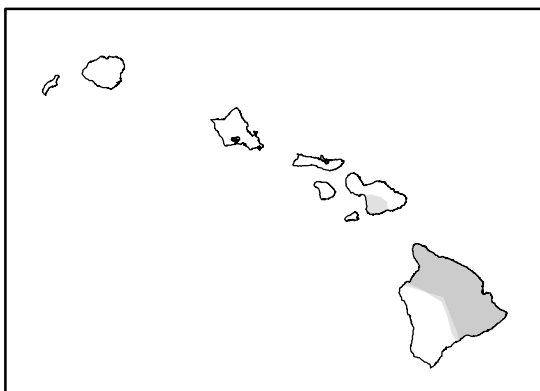
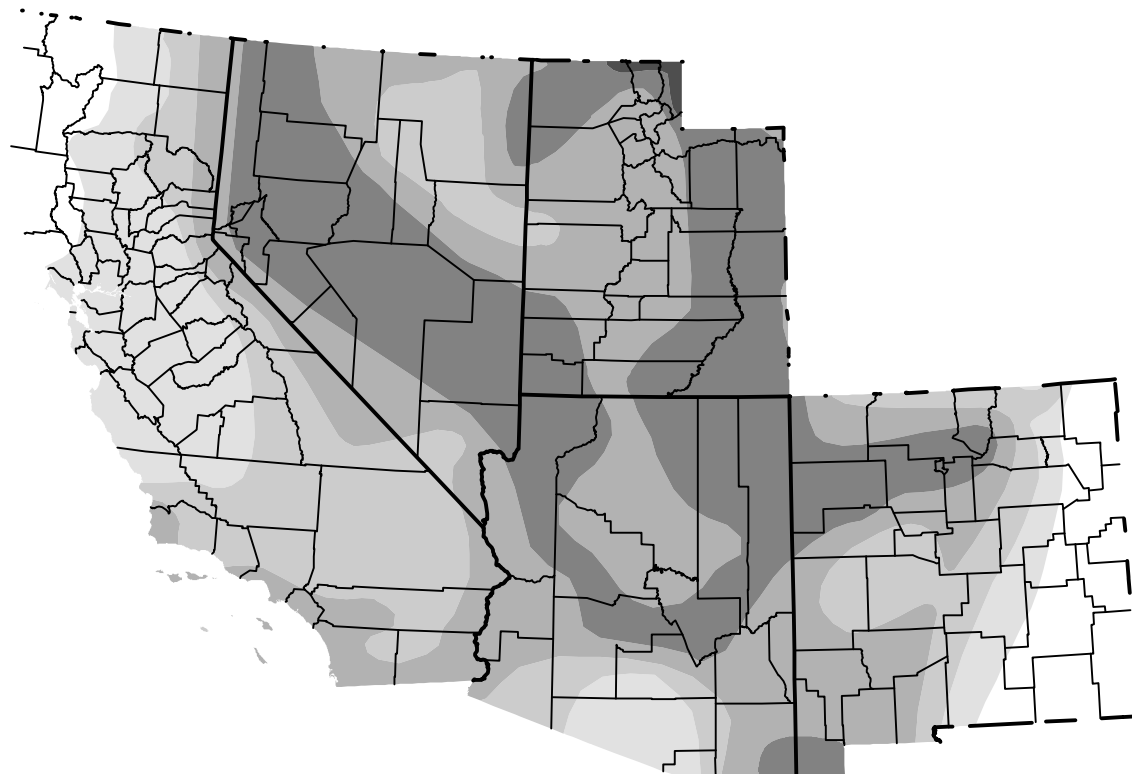


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.11	12.33	19.35	30.94	28.06	0.21
Last Week <i>10-14-2004</i>	7.30	12.74	19.99	31.70	28.06	0.21
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2004</i>	4.99	12.68	21.09	35.21	25.74	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>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2003</i>	7.52	13.91	12.08	22.94	40.53	3.03

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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