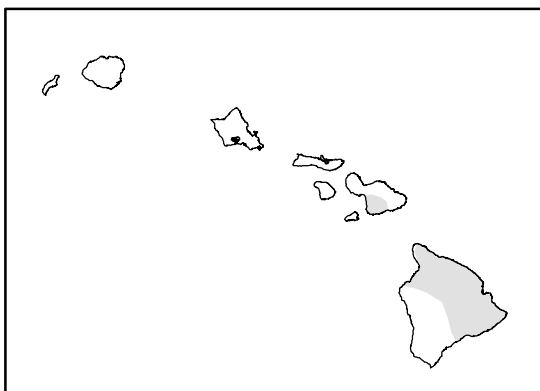
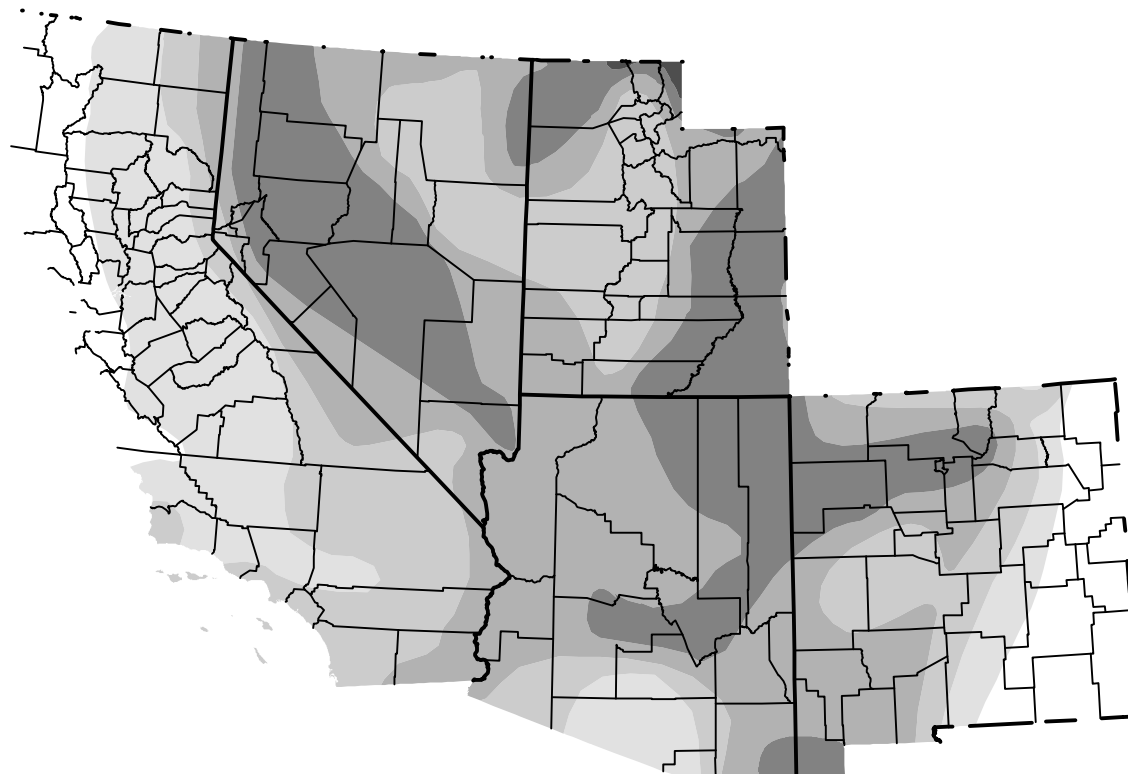


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 26, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 10.71 | 15.18 | 22.09 | 29.99 | 21.92 | 0.11 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-21-2004</i>              | 9.11  | 12.33 | 19.35 | 30.94 | 28.06 | 0.21 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-29-2004</i>           | 6.47  | 13.76 | 18.26 | 34.79 | 26.44 | 0.28 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2003</i> | 18.57 | 7.18  | 8.28  | 26.93 | 31.08 | 7.96 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2004</i>    | 5.68  | 14.09 | 18.68 | 34.46 | 26.89 | 0.21 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-30-2003</i>           | 2.16  | 15.30 | 16.12 | 20.38 | 40.56 | 5.47 |

### 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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