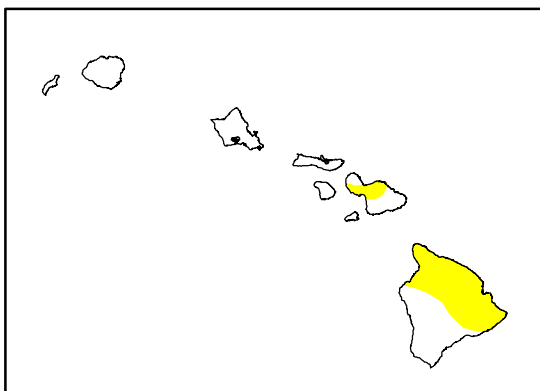
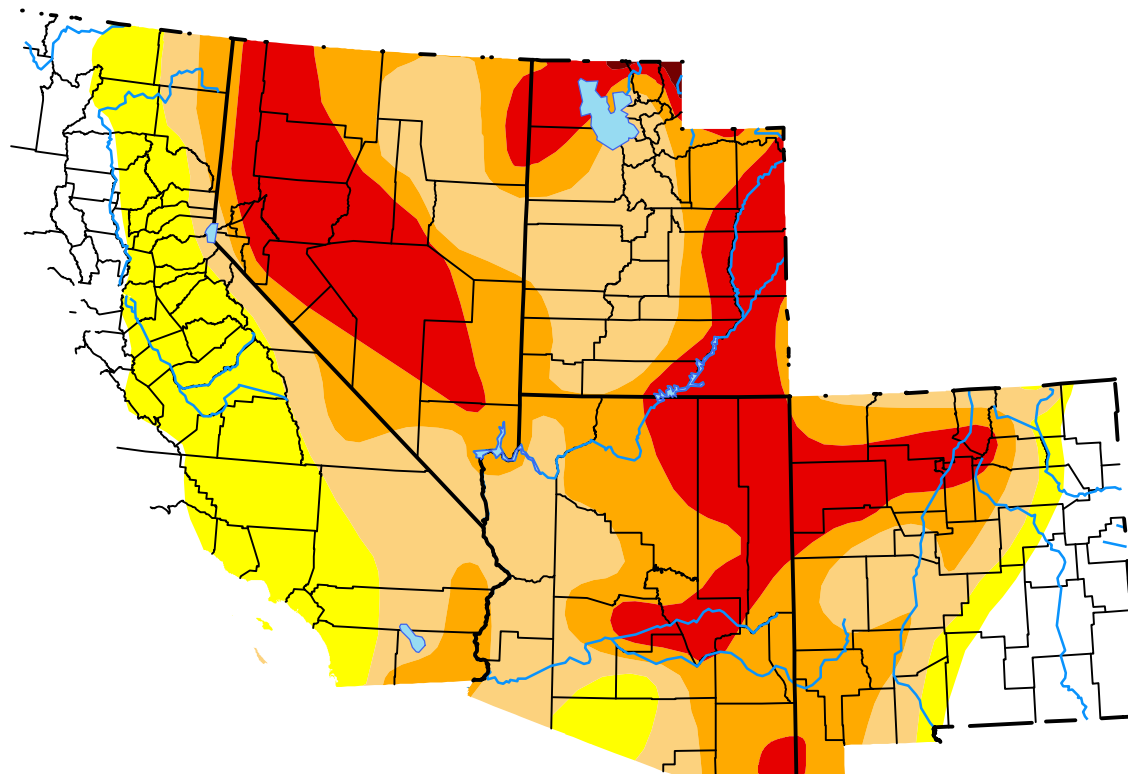


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.44	86.56	71.46	45.35	20.46	0.11
Last Week <i>11-11-2004</i>	11.33	88.67	71.64	46.88	20.71	0.11
3 Months Ago <i>08-19-2004</i>	6.93	93.07	80.32	61.65	30.65	0.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago <i>11-20-2003</i>	12.30	87.70	78.35	64.53	44.99	5.71

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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