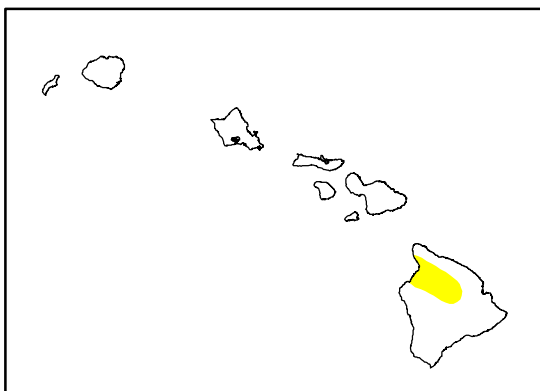
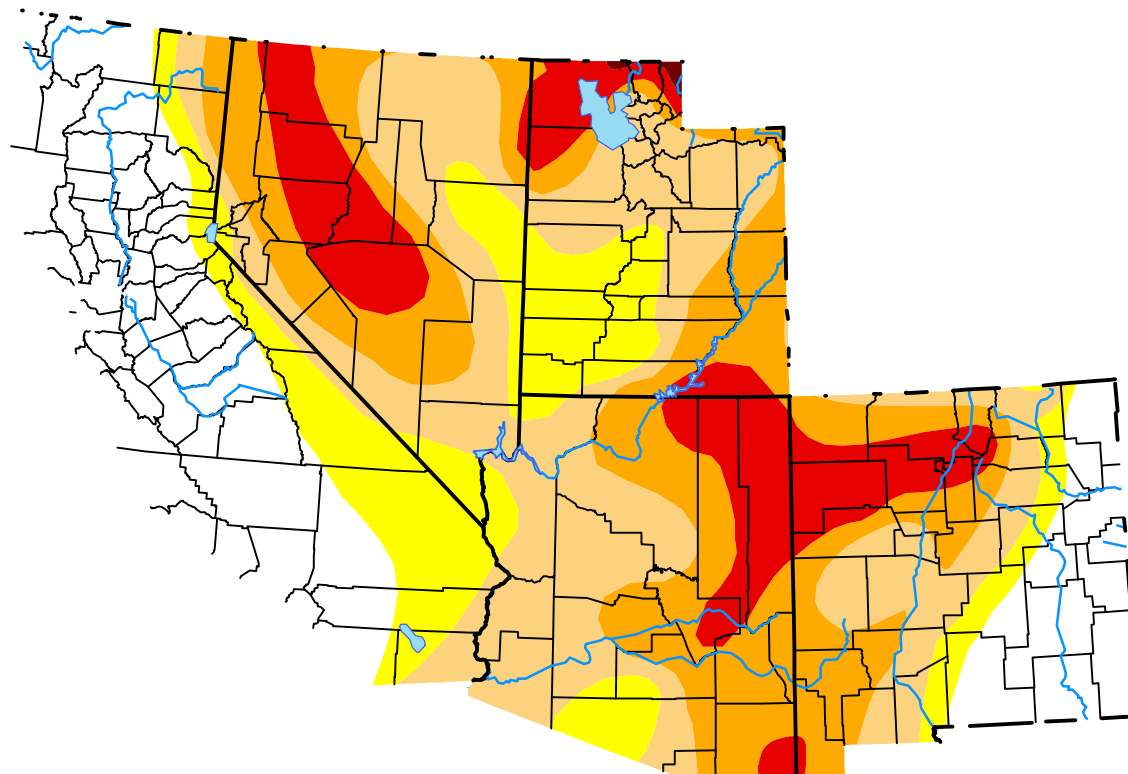


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
Last Week <i>12-30-2004</i>	17.91	15.39	28.24	23.90	14.45	0.11
3 Months Ago <i>10-07-2004</i>	6.73	12.64	19.08	34.46	26.89	0.21
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
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>01-08-2004</i>	19.35	6.47	8.94	24.89	30.61	9.74

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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