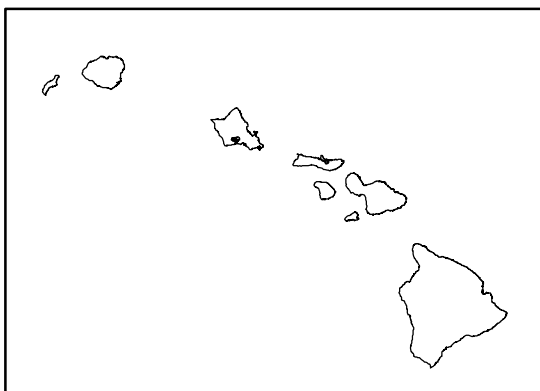
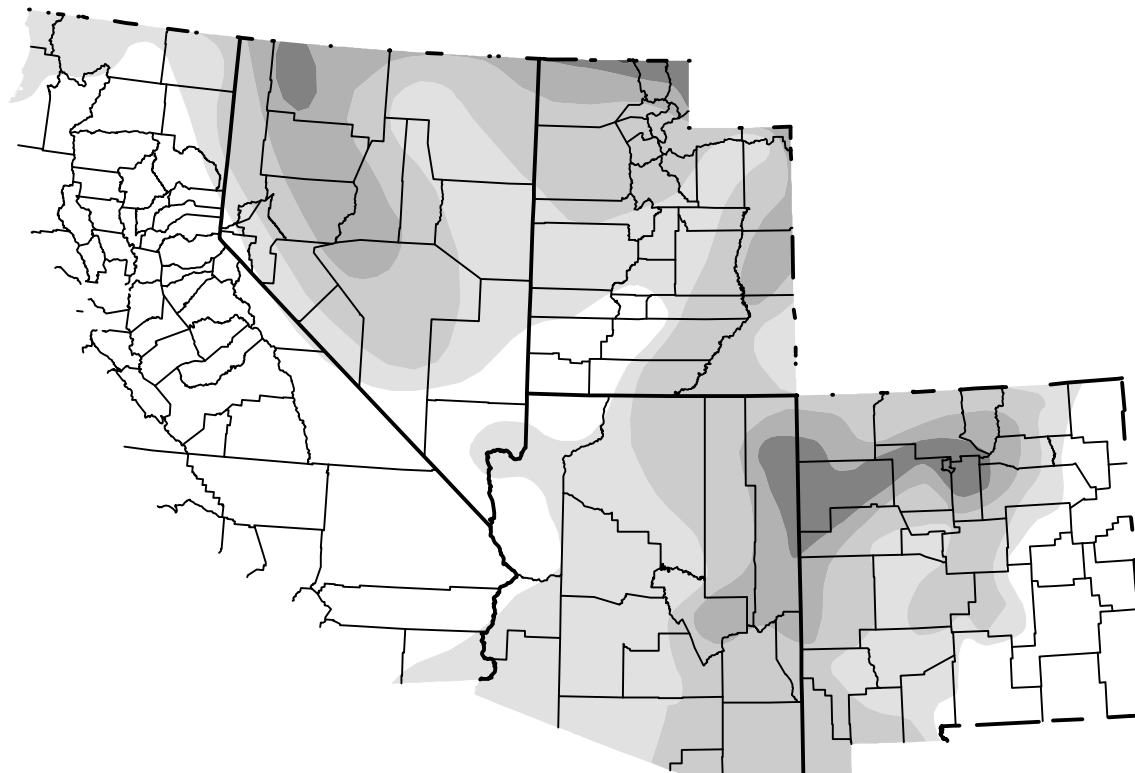


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 37.01 | 62.99 | 37.81 | 12.52 | 3.05  | 0.01 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-10-2005</i>              | 35.55 | 64.45 | 48.89 | 18.65 | 4.27  | 0.01 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-18-2004</i>           | 13.44 | 86.56 | 71.46 | 45.35 | 20.46 | 0.11 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2005</i> | 25.51 | 74.49 | 59.32 | 32.80 | 11.75 | 0.11 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2004</i>    | 5.68  | 94.32 | 80.23 | 61.56 | 27.10 | 0.21 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-19-2004</i>           | 19.03 | 80.97 | 72.91 | 66.40 | 38.99 | 9.82 |

### 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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