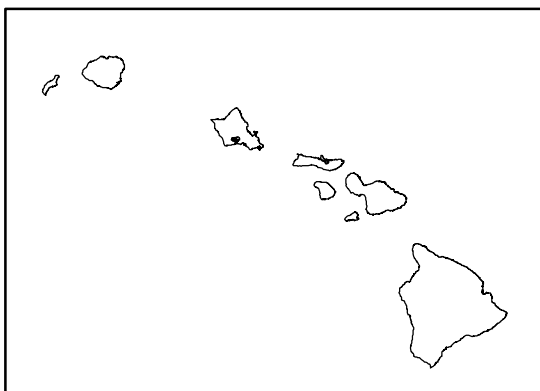
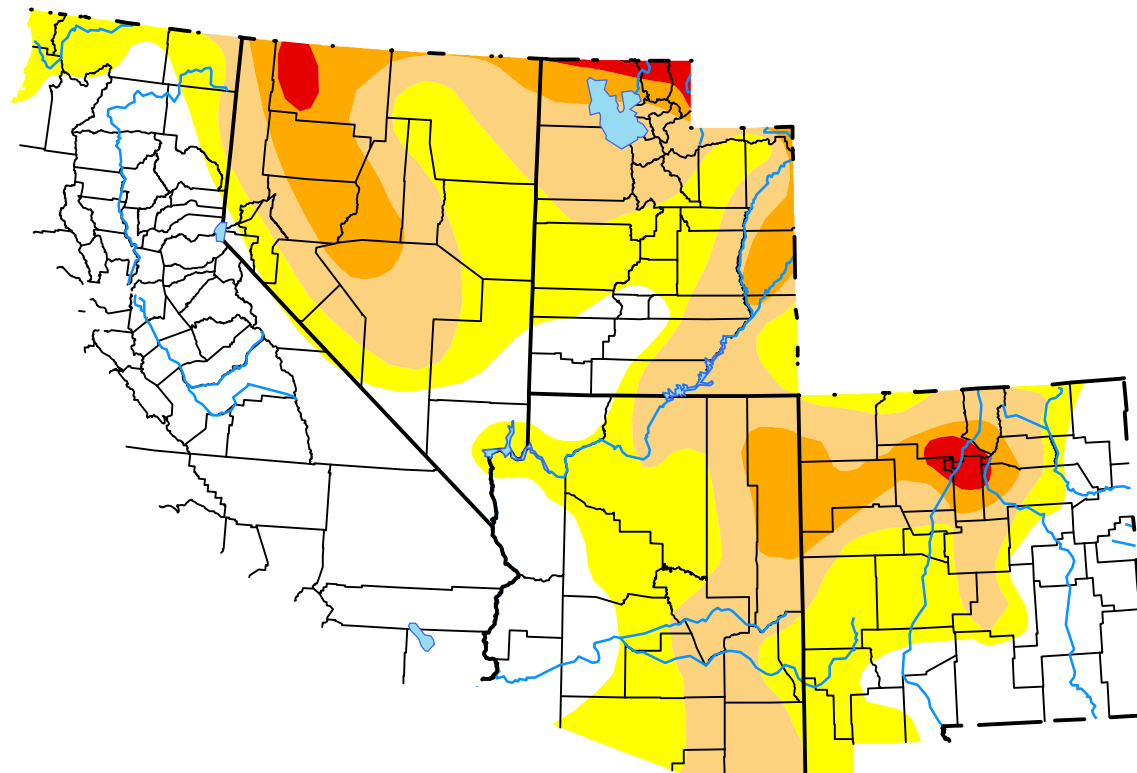


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	41.59	25.63	23.05	8.48	1.25	0.01
Last Week 02-24-2005	37.01	26.24	25.44	8.26	3.04	0.01
3 Months Ago 12-02-2004	14.10	18.49	25.88	26.91	14.51	0.11
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2005	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
Start of Water Year 09-30-2004	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
One Year Ago 03-04-2004	20.96	6.14	12.28	28.07	25.17	7.37

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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