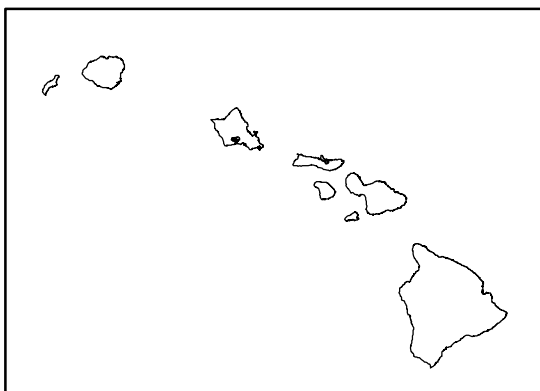
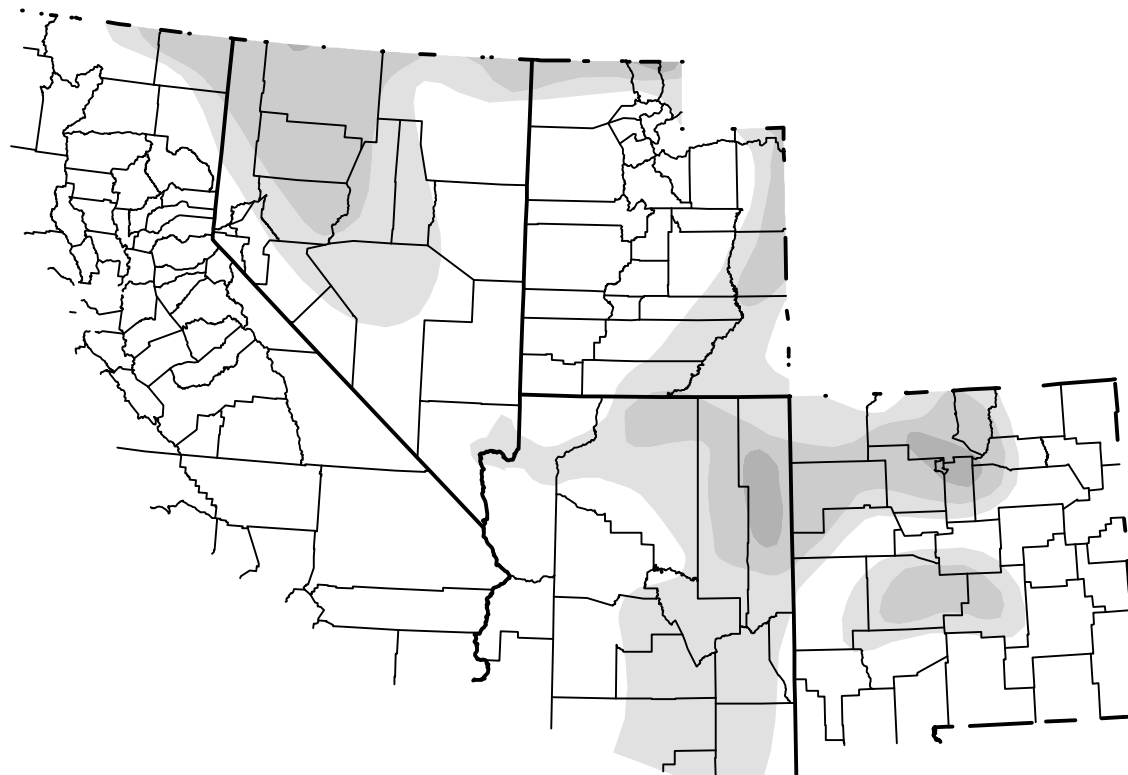


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.52	20.38	12.03	1.06	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-21-2005</i>	64.45	20.00	13.81	1.70	0.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-27-2005</i>	32.74	14.92	29.16	17.76	5.42	0.00
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>04-29-2004</i>	9.09	20.04	16.71	32.21	21.66	0.28

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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