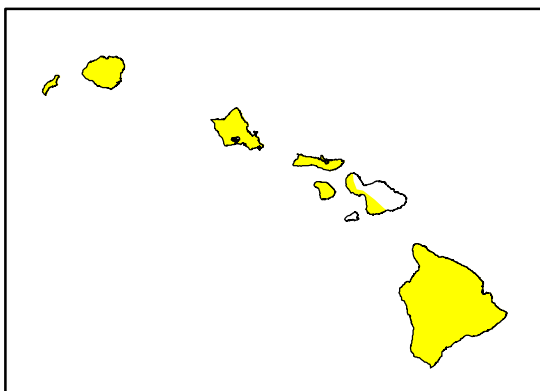
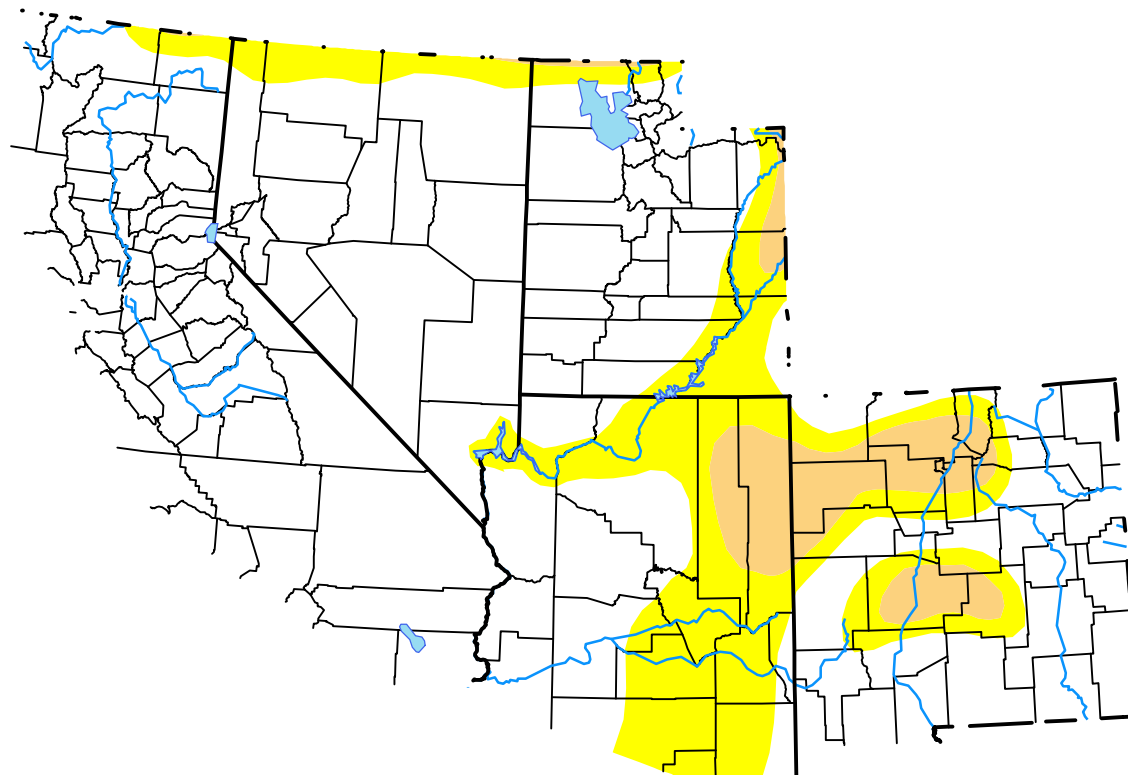


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.26	23.74	5.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-12-2005</i>	73.01	26.99	8.09	0.98	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2005</i>	37.01	62.99	37.81	12.52	3.05	0.01
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
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>05-20-2004</i>	5.82	94.18	77.08	54.63	22.06	0.34

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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