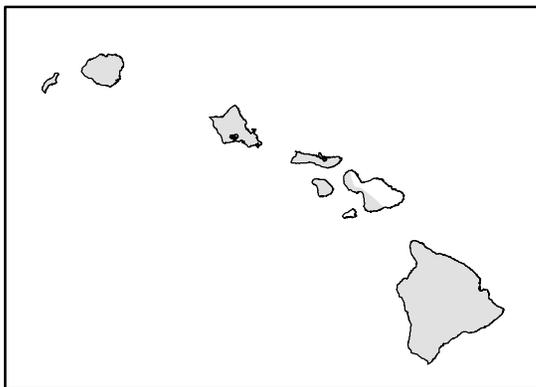
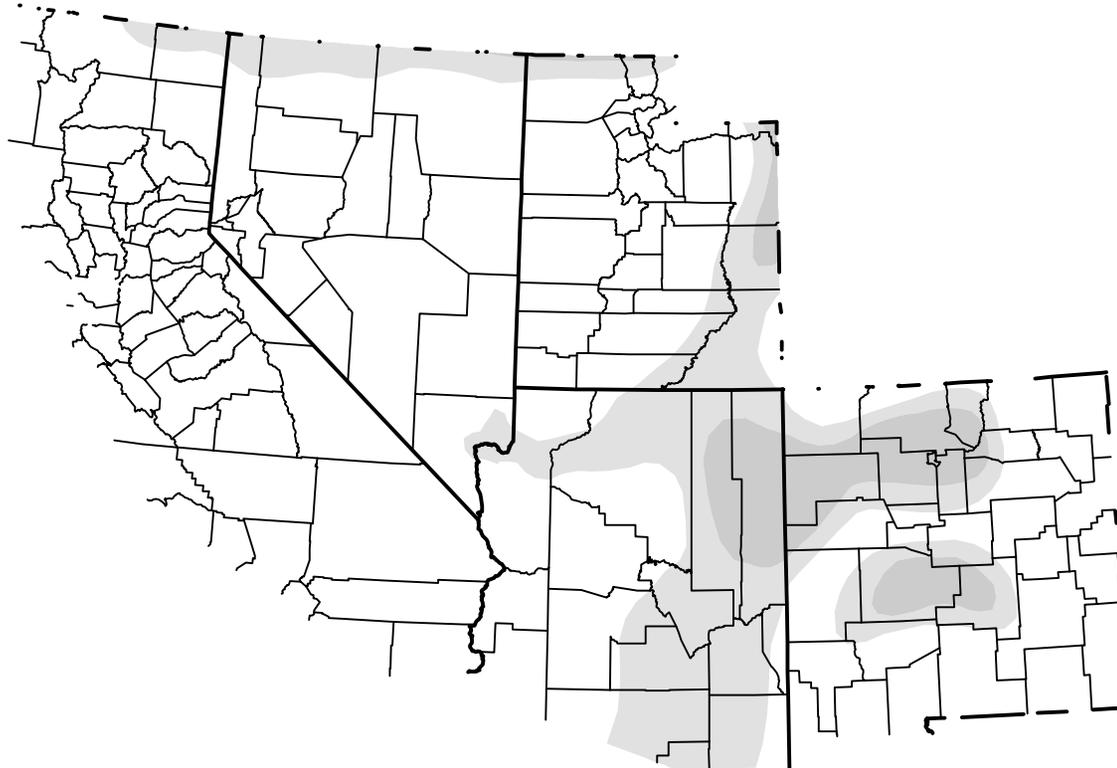


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**May 17, 2005**  
 (Released Thursday, May. 19, 2005)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	76.26	23.74	5.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-12-2005</i>	73.01	26.99	8.09	0.98	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-17-2005</i>	37.01	62.99	37.81	12.52	3.05	0.01
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-20-2004</i>	5.82	94.18	77.08	54.63	22.06	0.34

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

***Author:***

David Miskus  
 NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)