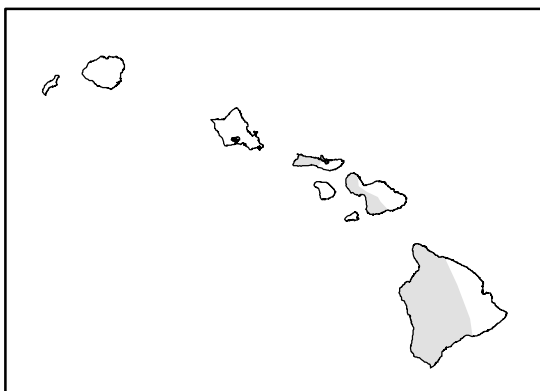
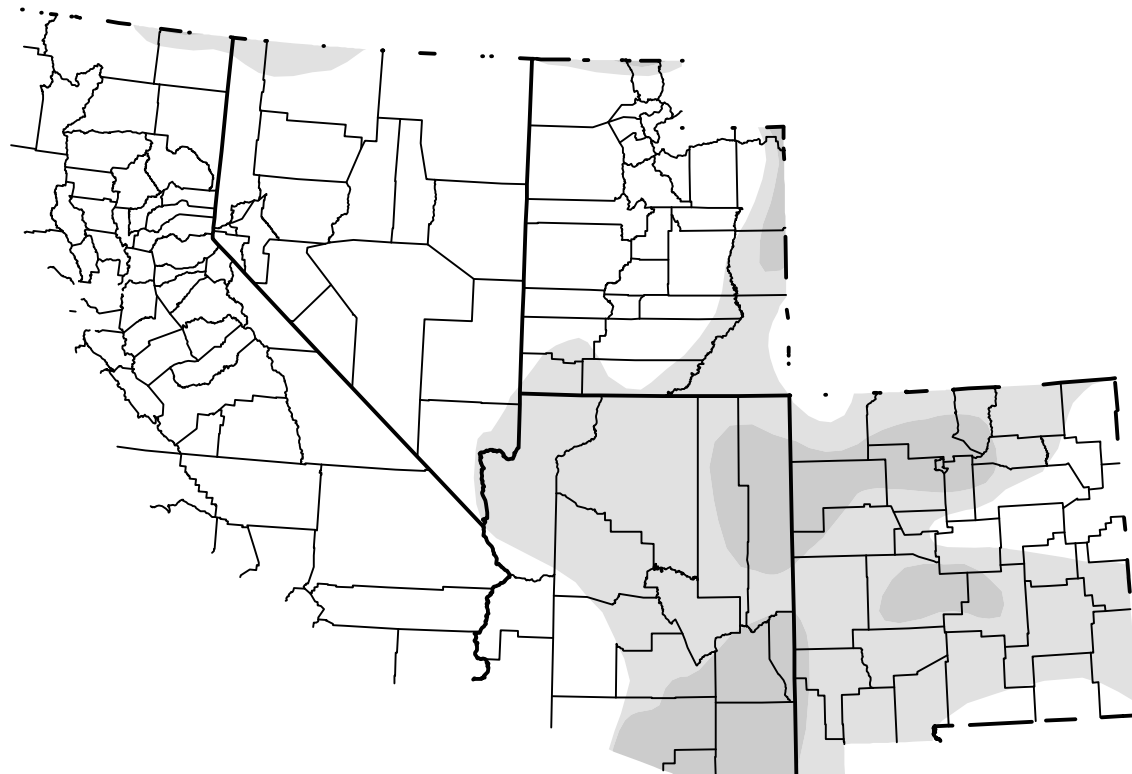


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.91	37.09	9.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-21-2005	70.71	29.29	7.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-28-2005	66.52	33.48	13.10	1.06	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2005	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
Start of Water Year 09-30-2004	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago 07-29-2004	6.47	93.53	79.76	61.51	26.71	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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