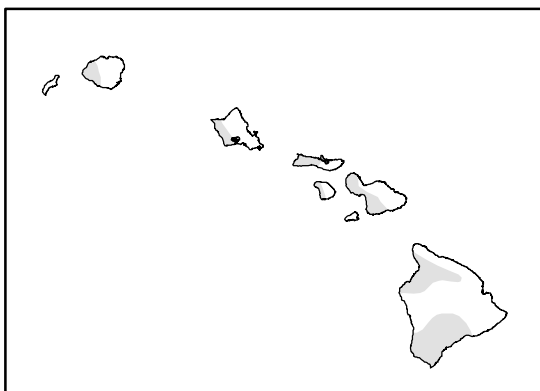
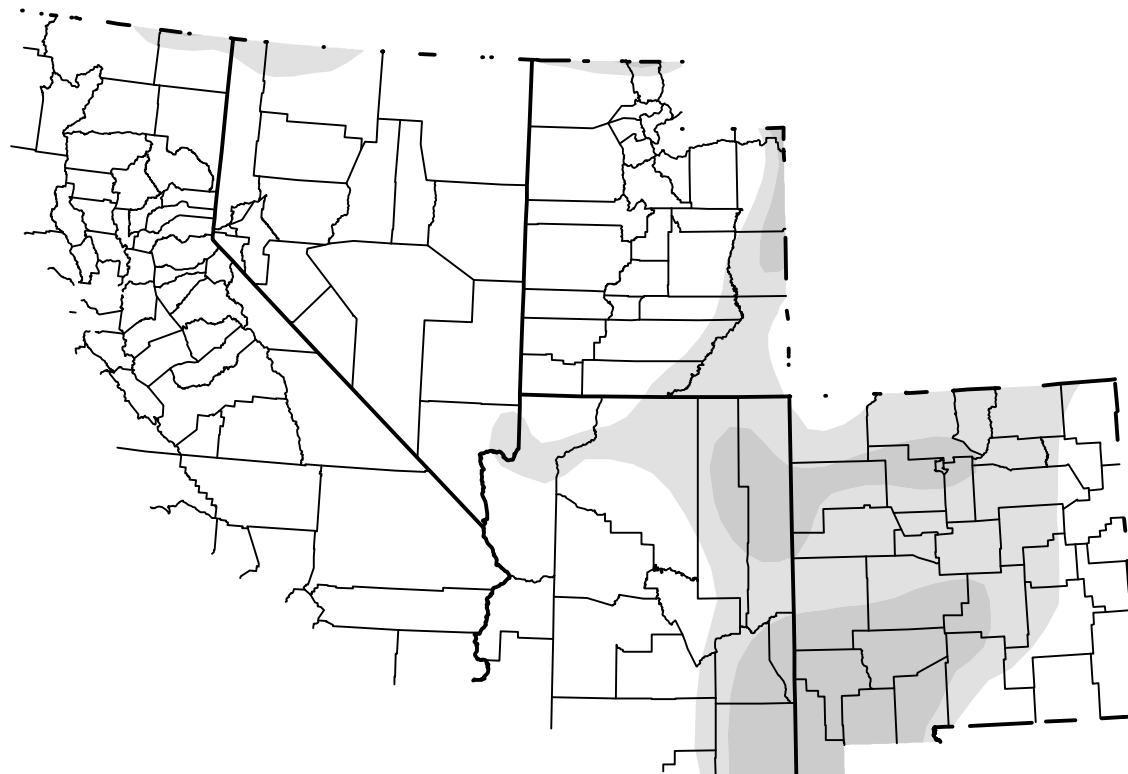


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	72.39	27.61	9.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-11-2005</i>	63.64	36.36	11.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-19-2005</i>	76.26	23.74	5.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
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>08-19-2004</i>	6.93	93.07	80.32	61.65	30.65	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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