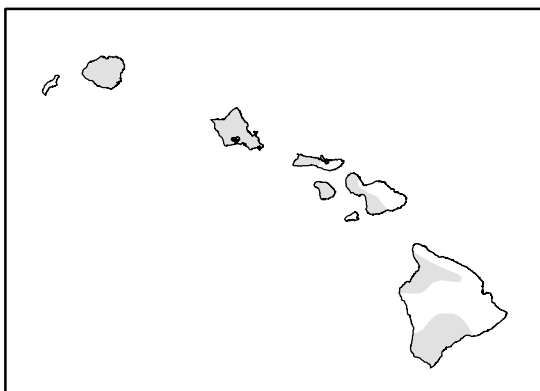
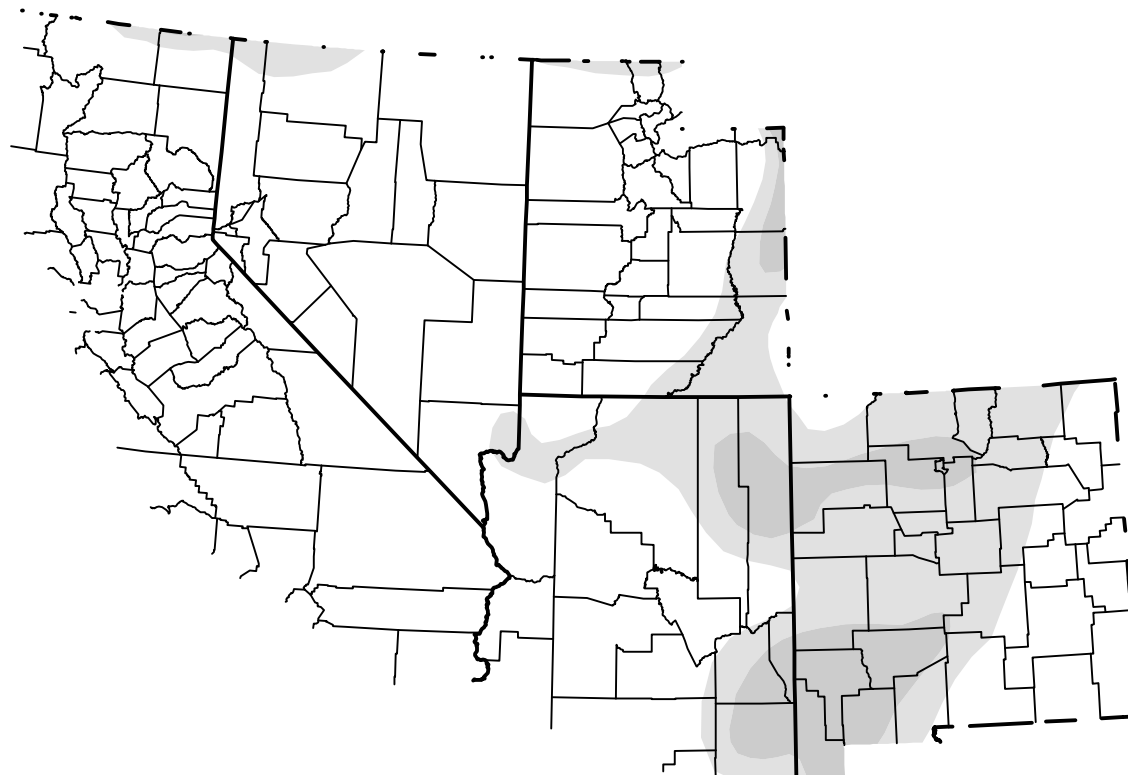


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.32	24.68	6.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-18-2005</i>	72.39	27.61	9.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-26-2005</i>	77.21	22.79	6.57	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>08-26-2004</i>	7.37	92.63	80.17	61.65	30.31	0.23

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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