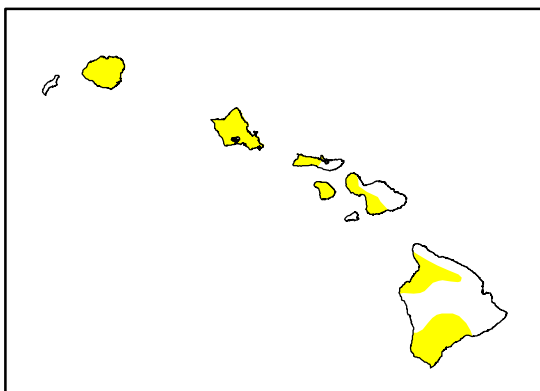
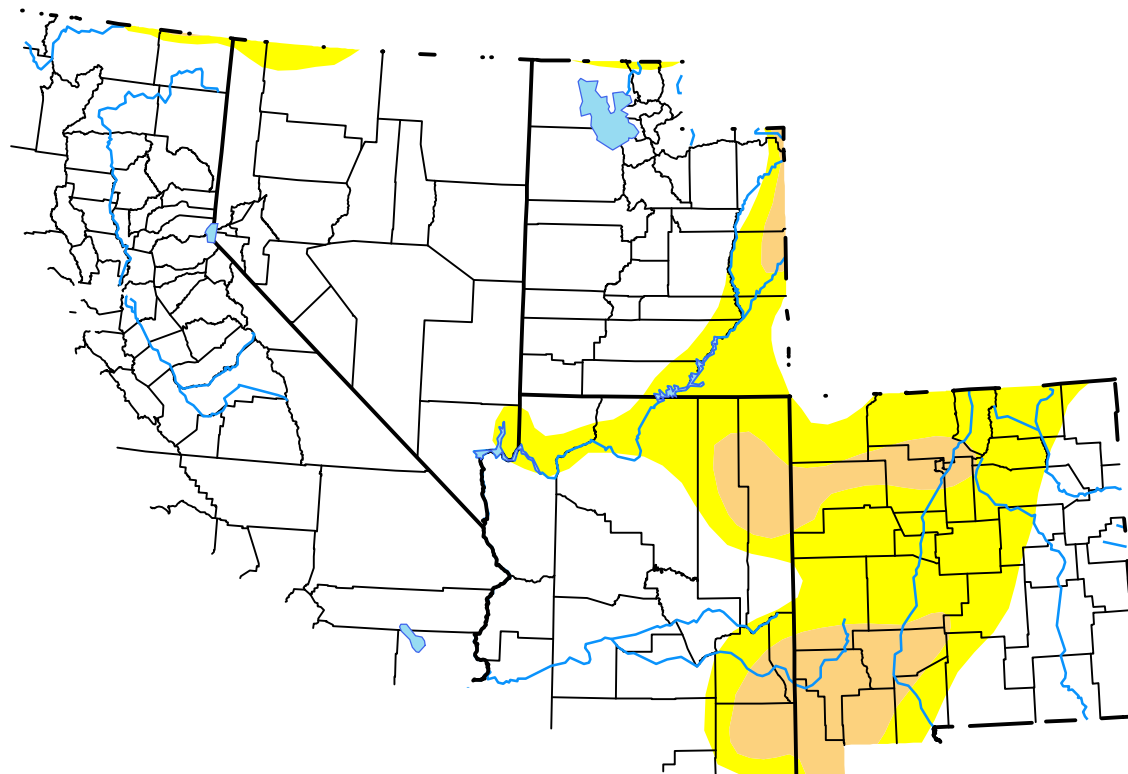


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.89	24.11	6.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-15-2005</i>	75.57	24.43	6.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-23-2005</i>	77.35	22.65	7.78	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>09-23-2004</i>	5.21	94.79	80.44	61.56	27.10	0.21

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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