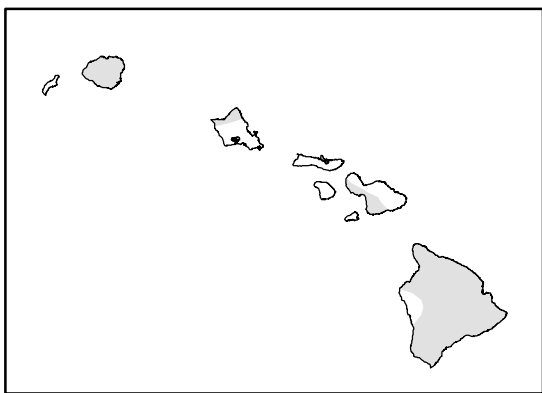
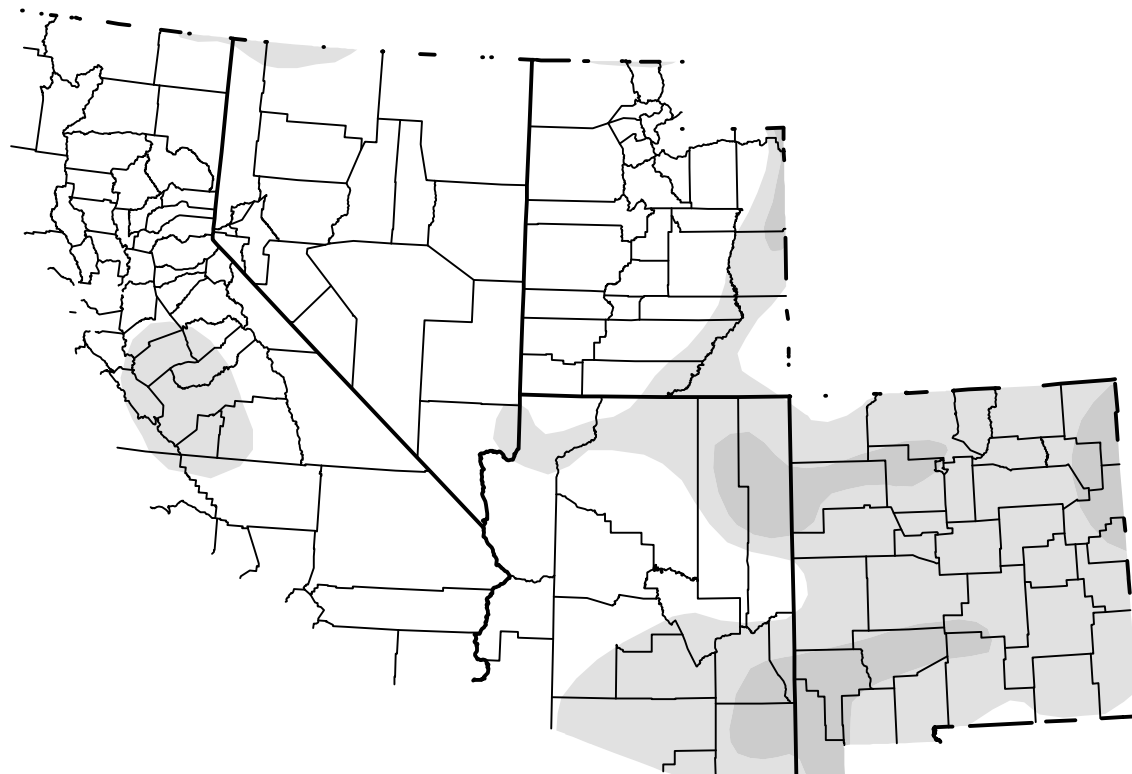


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	64.21	35.79	6.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-01-2005</i>	60.80	39.20	6.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-08-2005</i>	75.57	24.43	6.86	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>09-29-2005</i>	76.22	23.78	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-09-2004</i>	14.20	85.80	67.16	40.39	14.61	0.11

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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