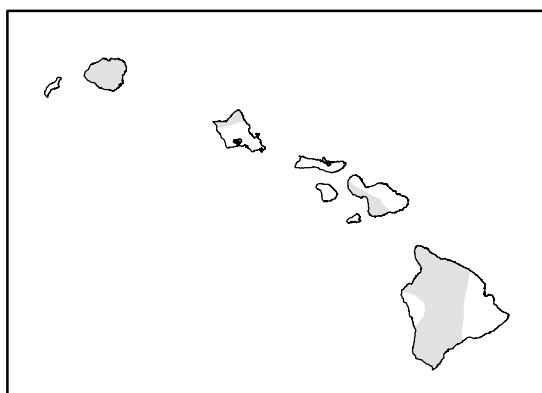
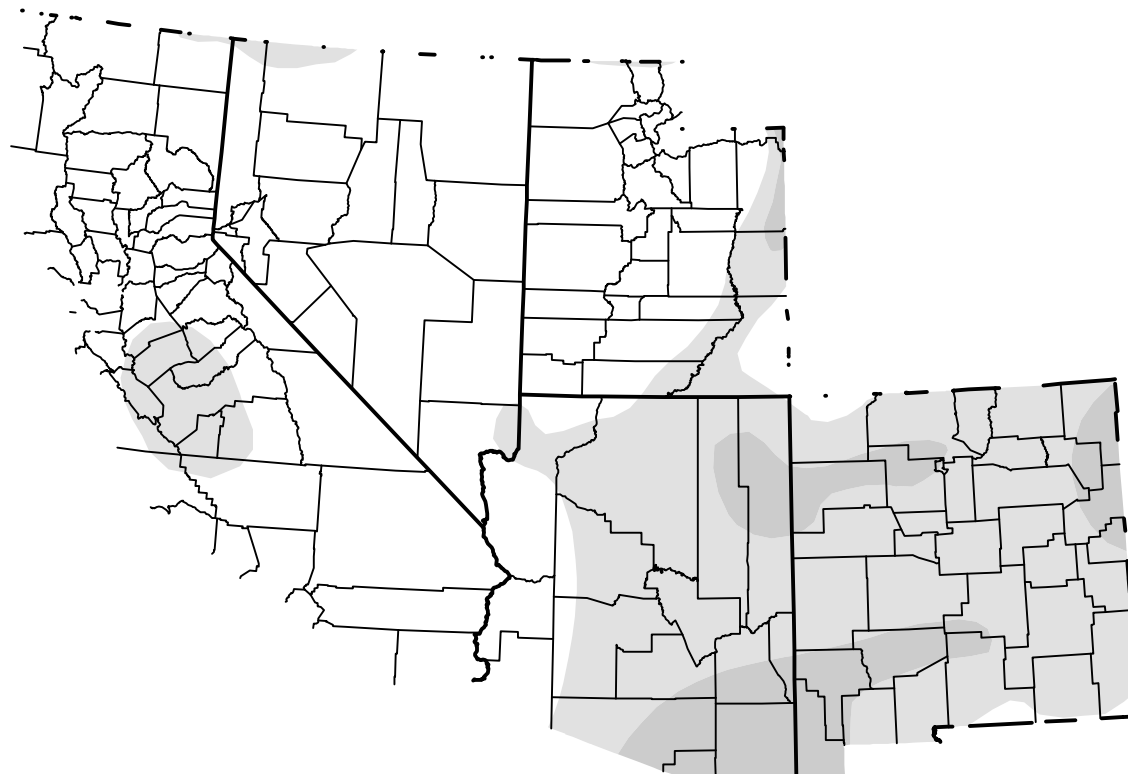


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 13, 2005**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 58.91 | 41.09 | 8.51  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-08-2005</i>              | 64.21 | 35.79 | 6.75  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-15-2005</i>           | 75.57 | 24.43 | 6.86  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2005</i> | 25.51 | 74.49 | 59.32 | 32.80 | 11.75 | 0.11 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>    | 76.22 | 23.78 | 6.80  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2004</i>           | 15.73 | 84.27 | 66.95 | 39.66 | 14.57 | 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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