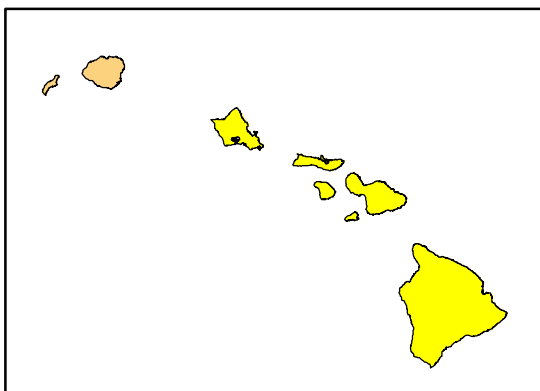
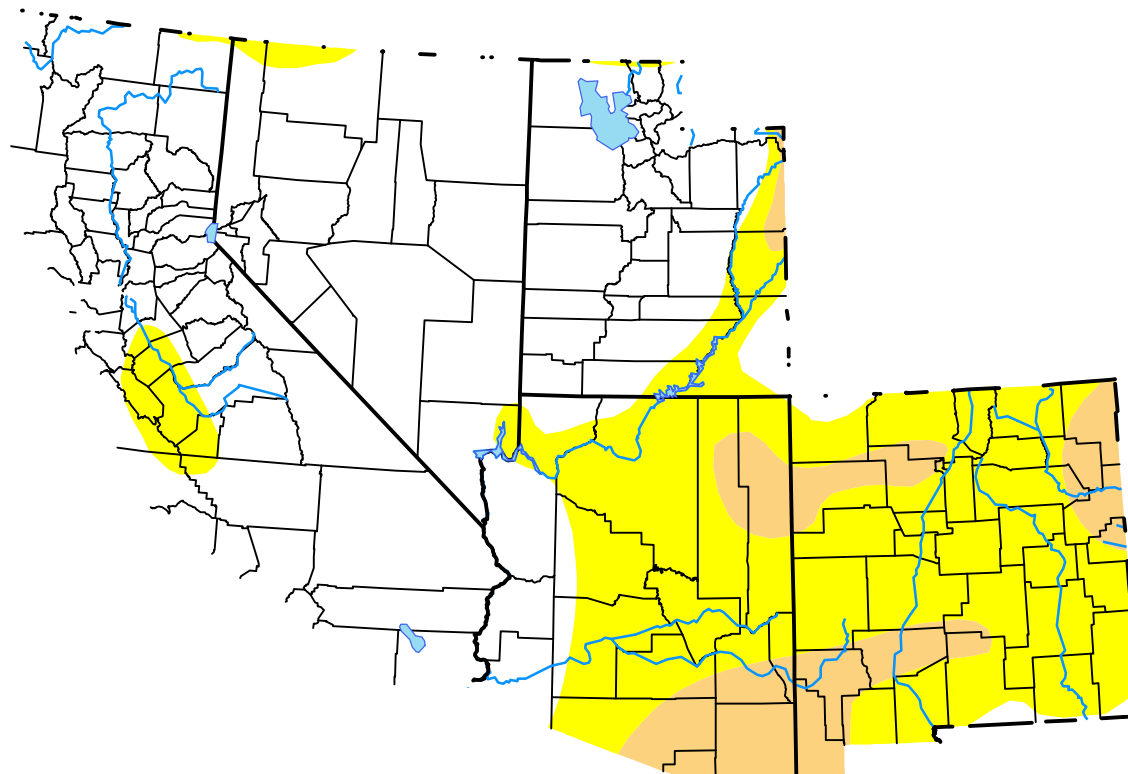


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	59.45	31.66	8.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2005</i>	58.91	32.57	8.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2005</i>	75.89	17.30	6.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2004</i>	15.73	17.44	27.30	24.97	14.45	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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