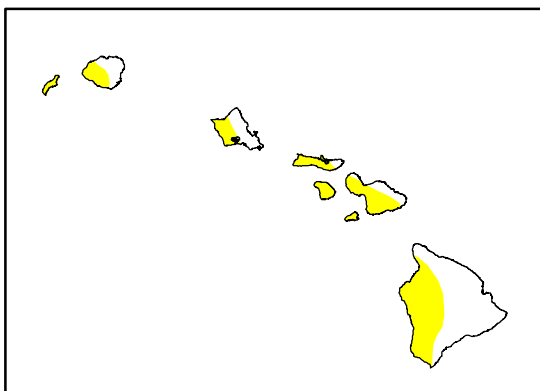
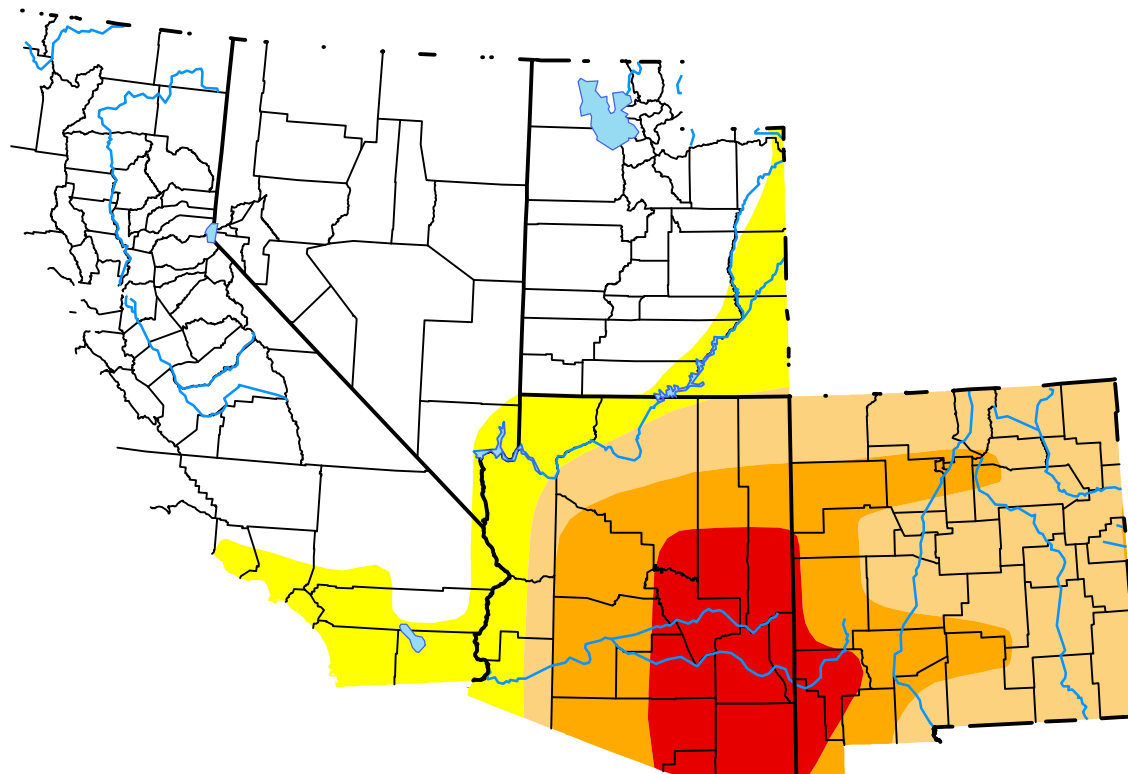


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.12	46.88	36.23	18.96	7.48	0.00
Last Week <i>02-02-2006</i>	56.66	43.34	30.88	12.59	1.50	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-10-2005</i>	68.99	31.01	5.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	42.85	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
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>02-10-2005</i>	35.55	64.45	48.89	18.65	4.27	0.01

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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