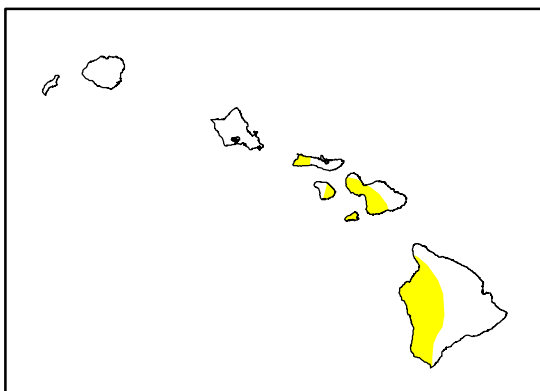
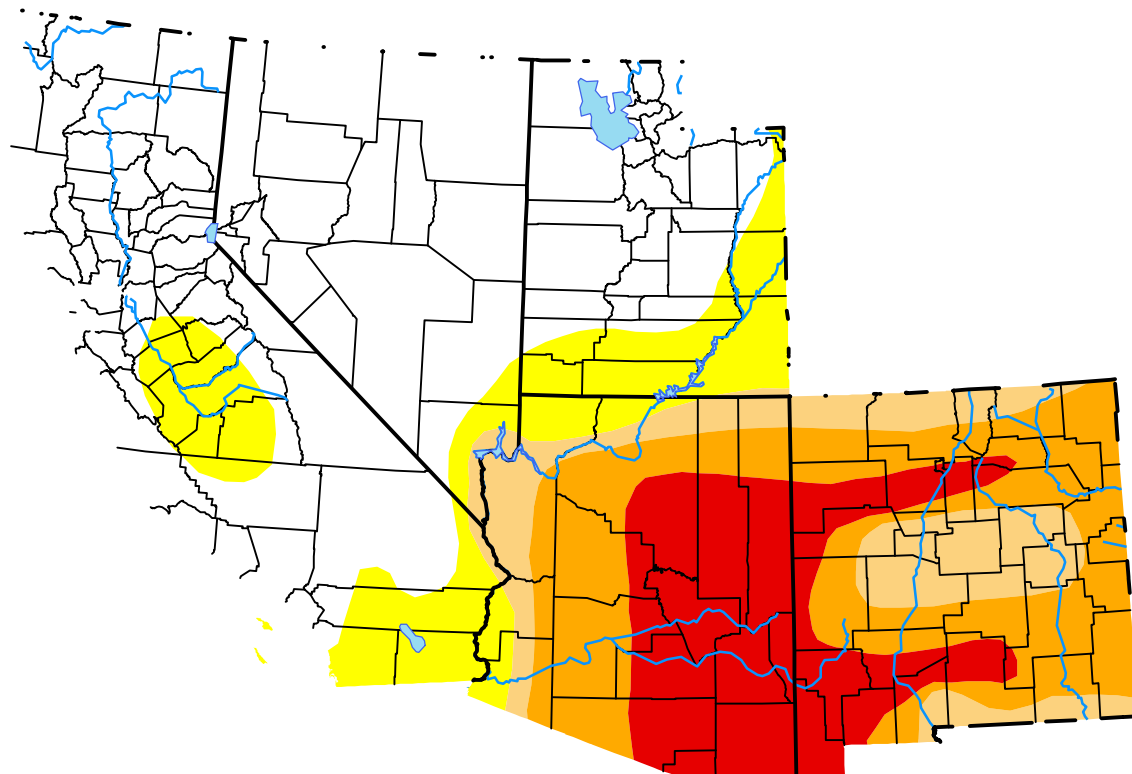


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	48.63	12.81	9.21	16.03	13.32	0.00
Last Week 03-02-2006	47.83	13.56	14.71	16.43	7.48	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-08-2005	64.21	29.04	6.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2005	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-10-2005	42.28	24.92	23.08	8.48	1.25	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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