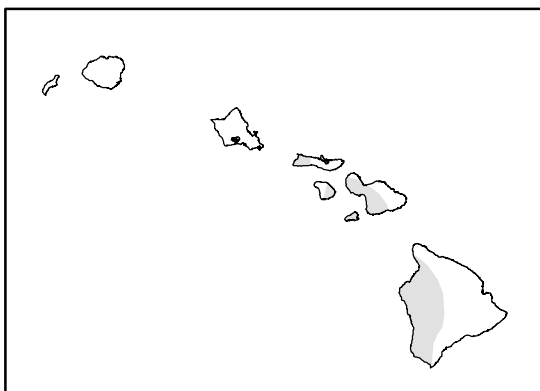
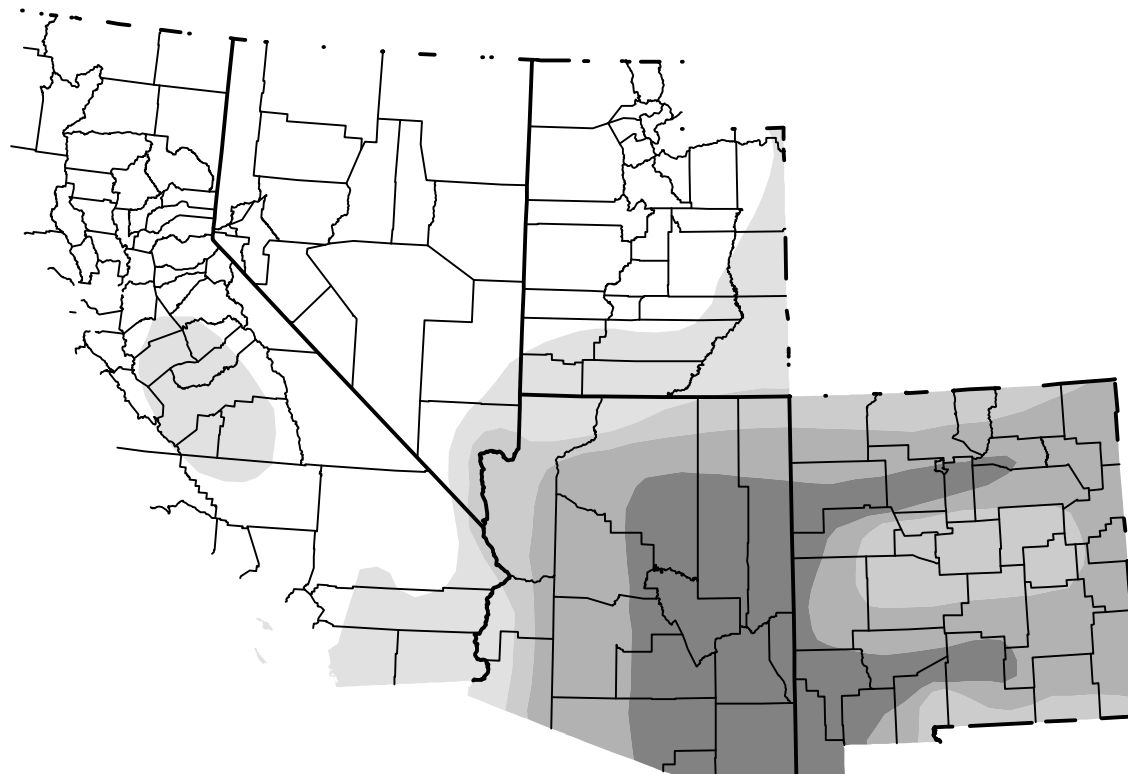


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.63	51.37	38.56	29.35	13.32	0.00
Last Week <i>03-02-2006</i>	47.83	52.17	38.62	23.91	7.48	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-08-2005</i>	64.21	35.79	6.75	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>03-10-2005</i>	42.28	57.72	32.81	9.73	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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