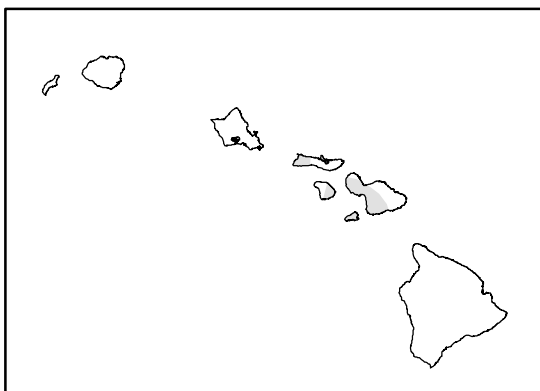
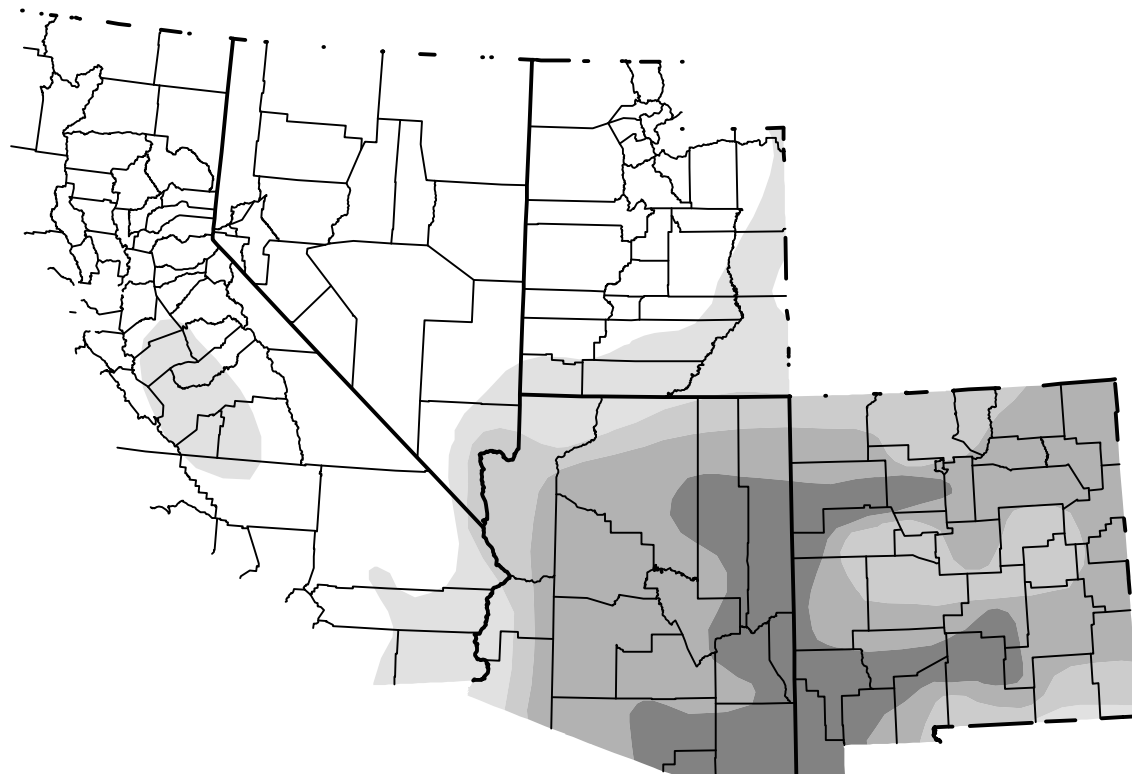


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	50.84	10.86	9.39	18.95	9.96	0.00
Last Week 03-16-2006	50.57	10.95	9.10	19.42	9.96	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-22-2005	59.45	31.66	8.89	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 03-24-2005	42.39	24.55	23.80	8.47	0.75	0.04

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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