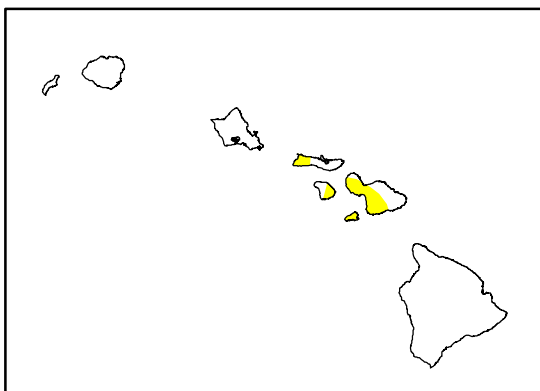
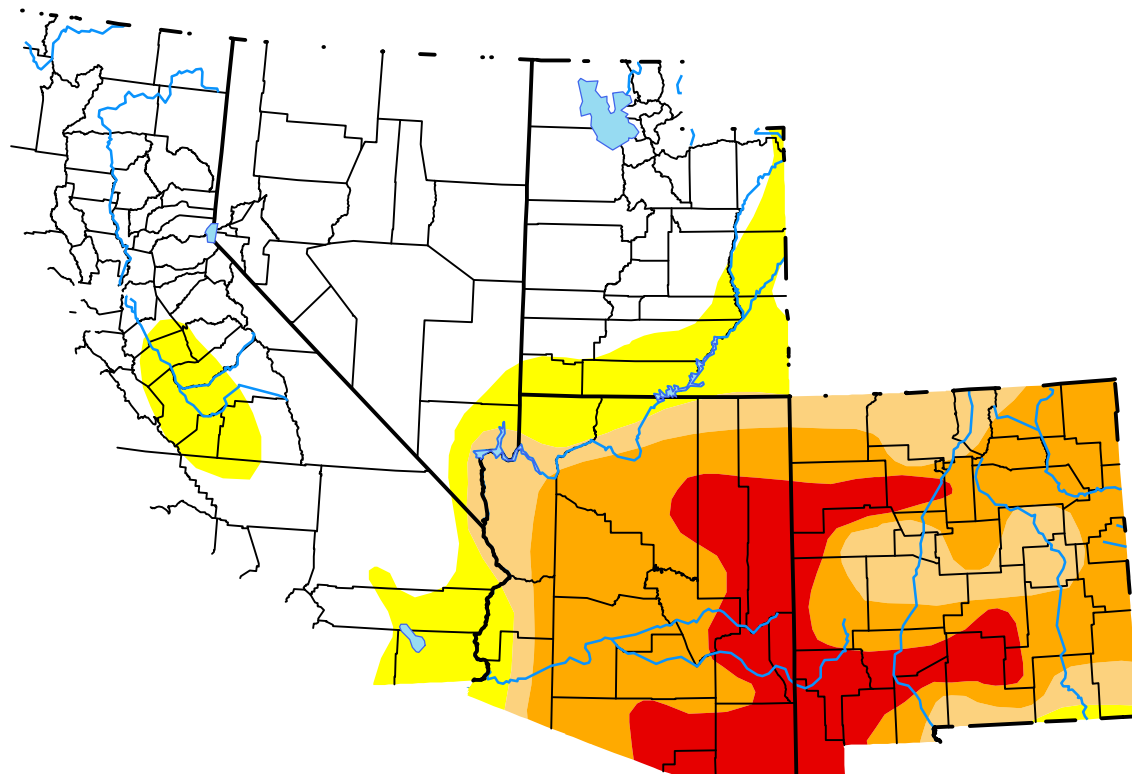


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.84	49.16	38.30	28.91	9.96	0.00
Last Week <i>03-16-2006</i>	50.57	49.43	38.48	29.38	9.96	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-22-2005</i>	59.45	40.55	8.89	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>03-24-2005</i>	42.39	57.61	33.06	9.26	0.79	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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