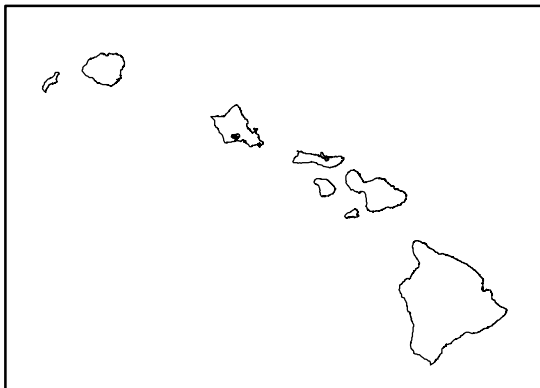
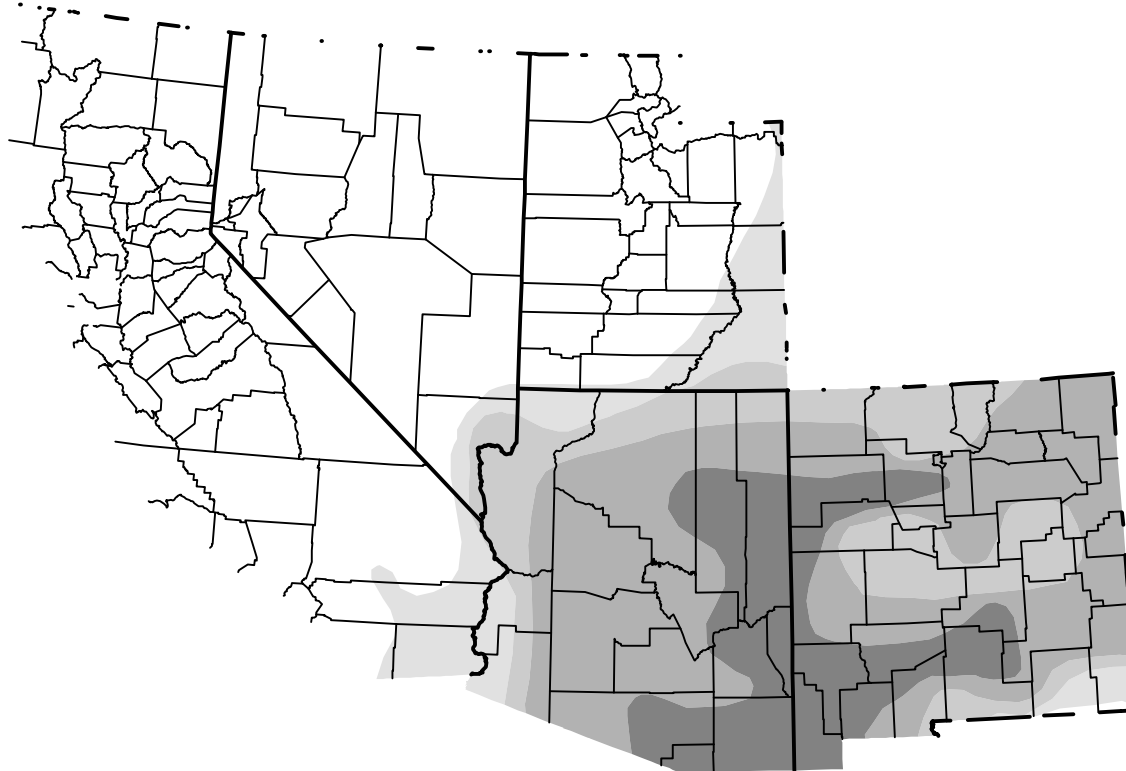


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.86	45.14	38.38	28.91	9.96	0.00
Last Week <i>03-30-2006</i>	53.91	46.09	38.19	28.91	9.96	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	42.85	12.95	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>04-07-2005</i>	48.39	51.61	28.25	7.15	0.41	0.00

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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