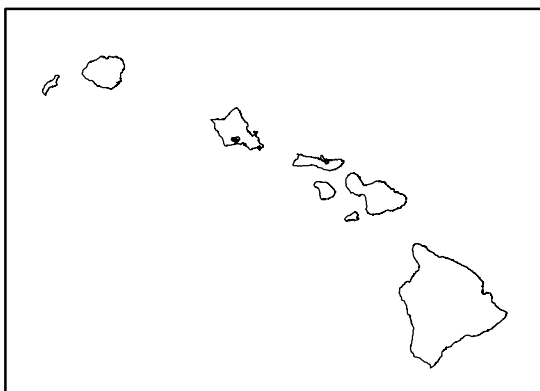
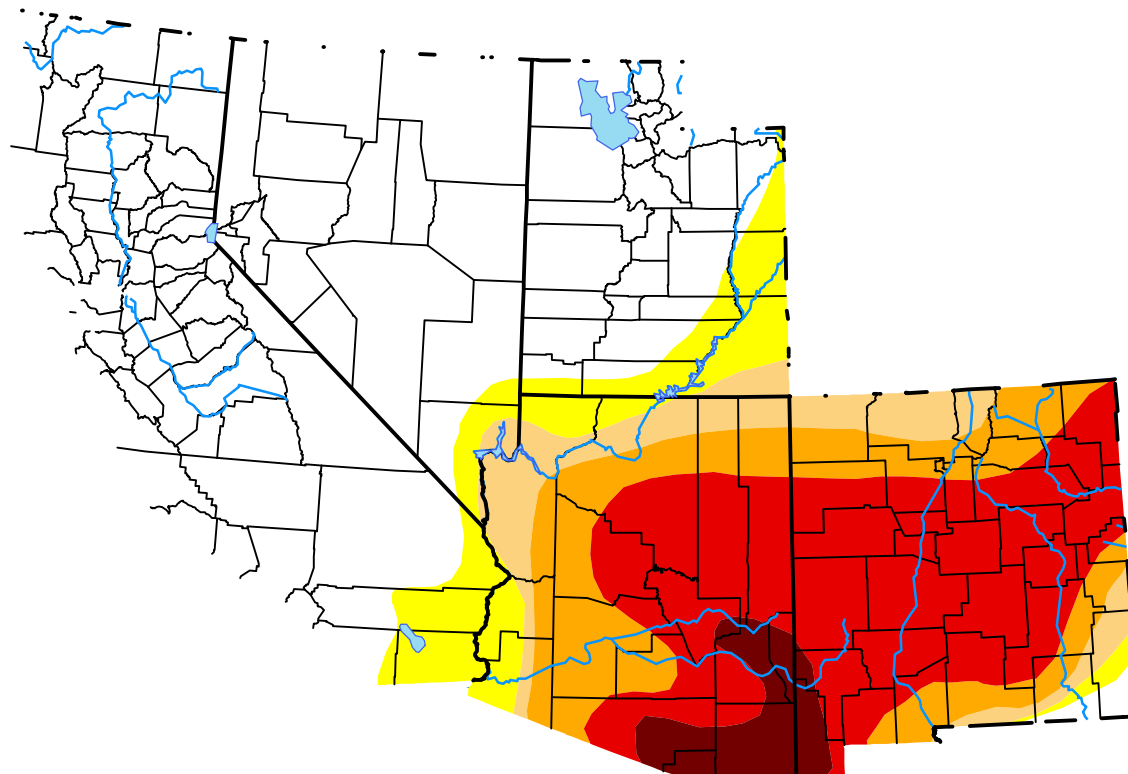


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.51	45.49	37.82	32.05	22.25	2.96
Last Week <i>05-04-2006</i>	54.41	45.59	37.93	31.21	12.66	2.96
3 Months Ago <i>02-09-2006</i>	53.12	46.88	36.23	18.96	7.48	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>05-12-2005</i>	73.01	26.99	8.09	0.98	0.00	0.00

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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