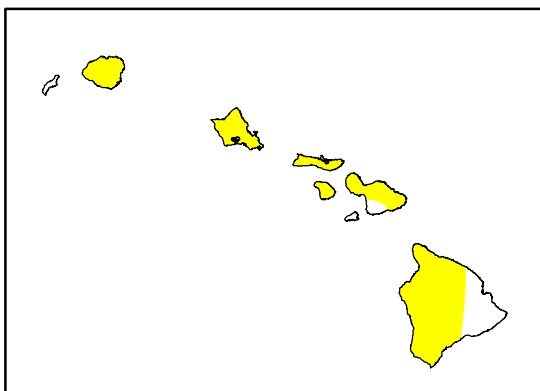
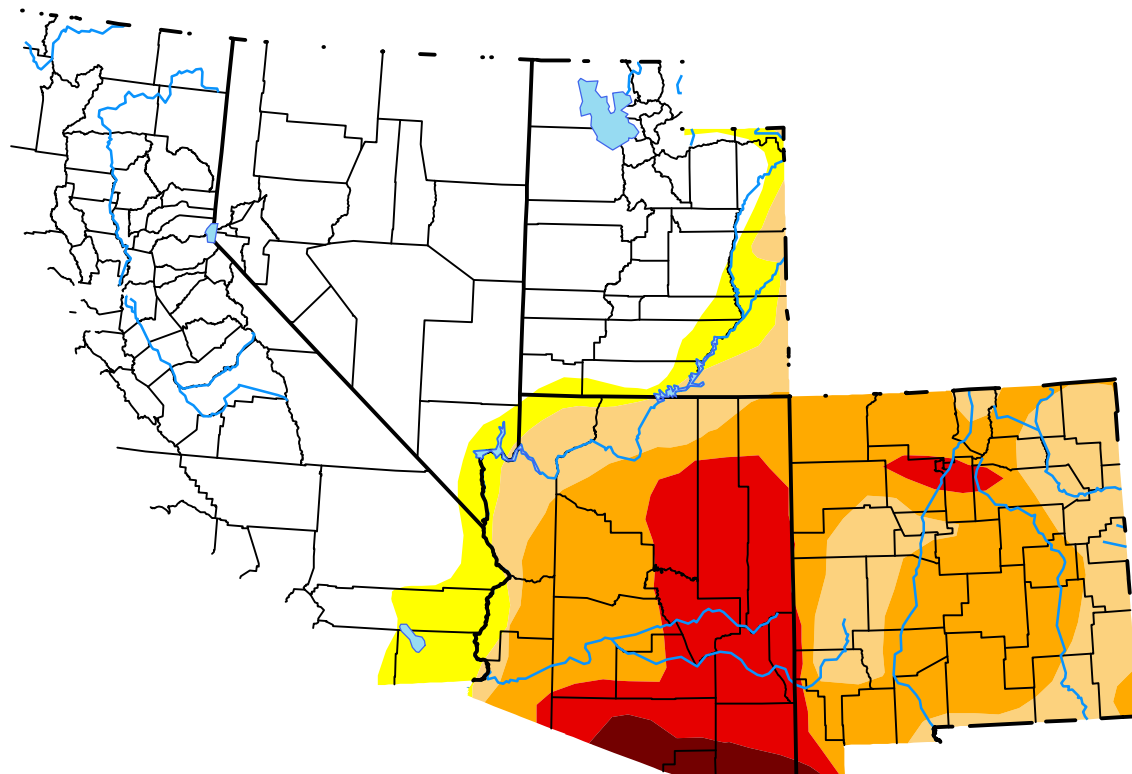


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.58	46.42	40.01	28.35	9.75	1.26
Last Week 07-13-2006	53.97	46.03	40.00	27.79	9.75	1.26
3 Months Ago 04-20-2006	54.97	45.03	38.38	30.71	11.58	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	57.15	42.85	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2005	76.22	23.78	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-21-2005	70.71	29.29	7.78	0.00	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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