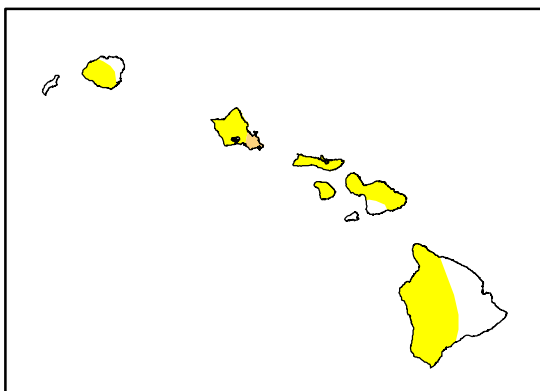
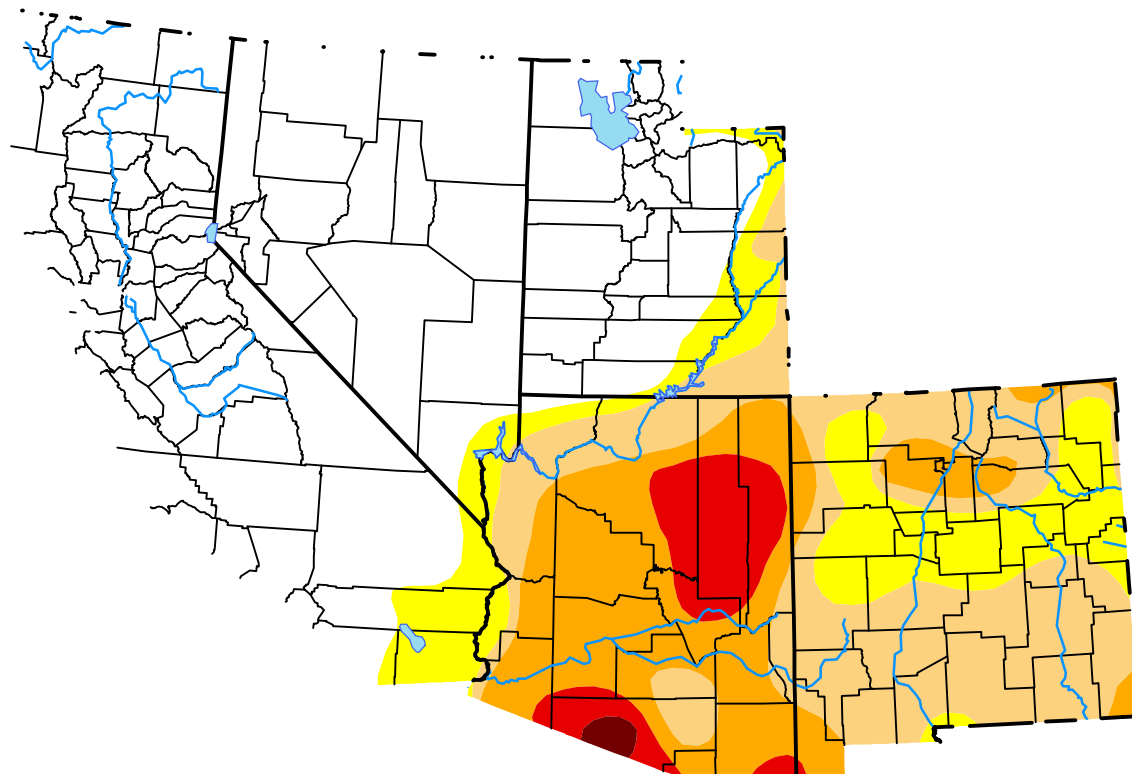


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.11	12.09	17.38	12.17	3.96	0.28
Last Week 07-27-2006	53.58	6.41	11.64	18.63	8.49	1.26
3 Months Ago 05-04-2006	54.41	7.65	6.73	18.54	9.70	2.96
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 08-04-2005	60.14	27.15	12.71	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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