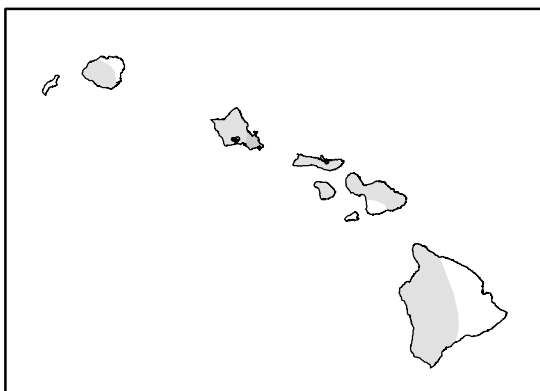
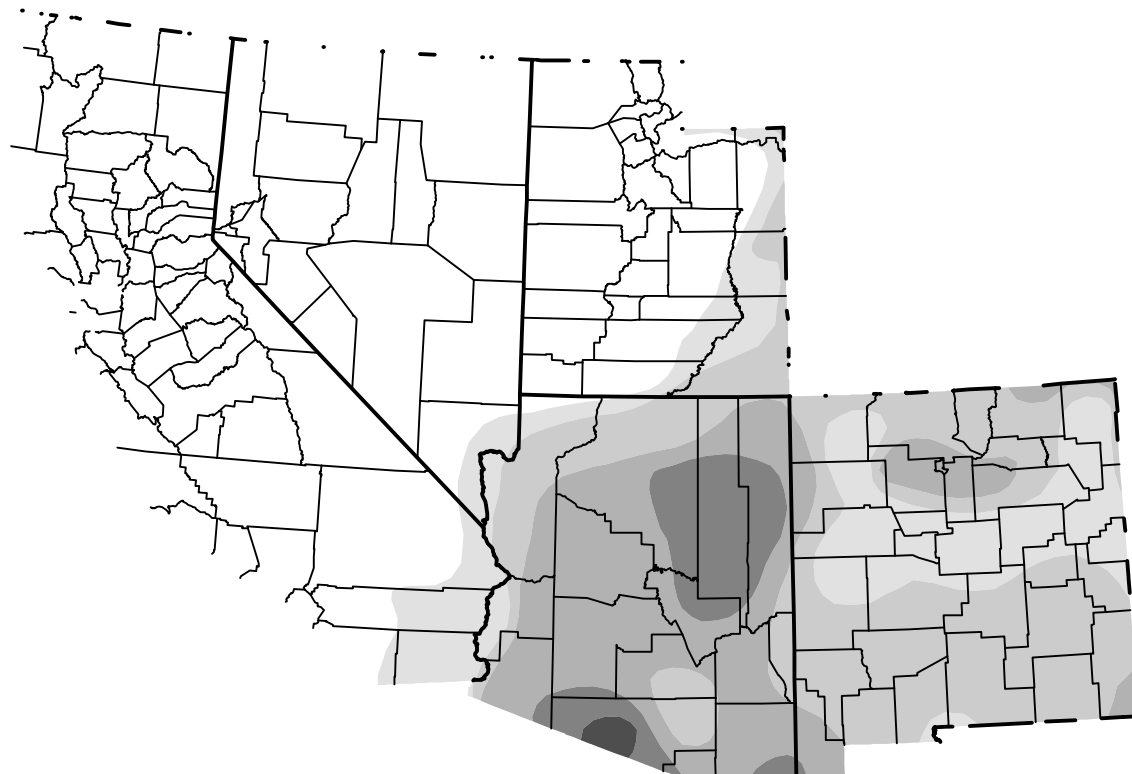


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.11	45.89	33.80	16.42	4.25	0.28
Last Week 07-27-2006	53.58	46.42	40.01	28.37	9.75	1.26
3 Months Ago 05-04-2006	54.41	45.59	37.93	31.21	12.66	2.96
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 08-04-2005	60.14	39.86	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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