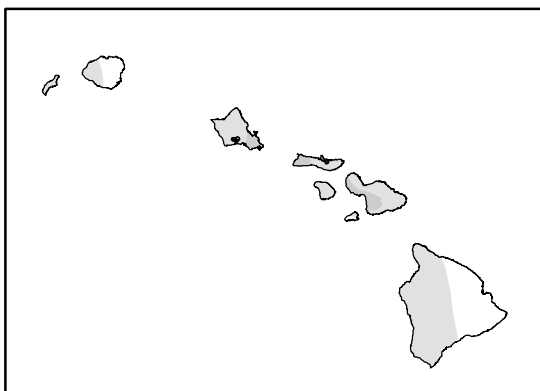
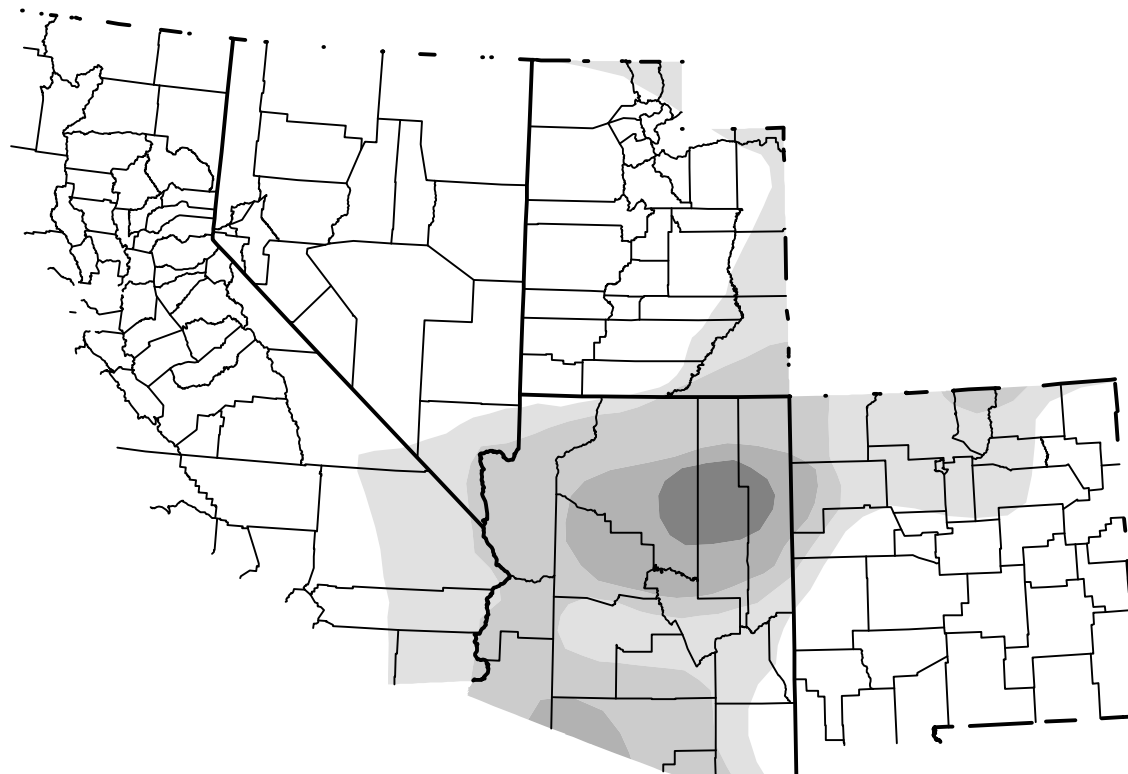


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.99	15.88	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
Last Week 09-28-2006	66.95	15.92	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-06-2006	54.03	6.08	6.48	13.30	16.86	3.26
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2006	66.95	15.92	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago 10-06-2005	77.89	15.78	6.33	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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