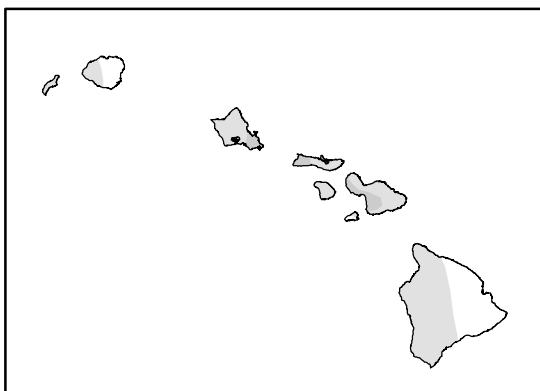
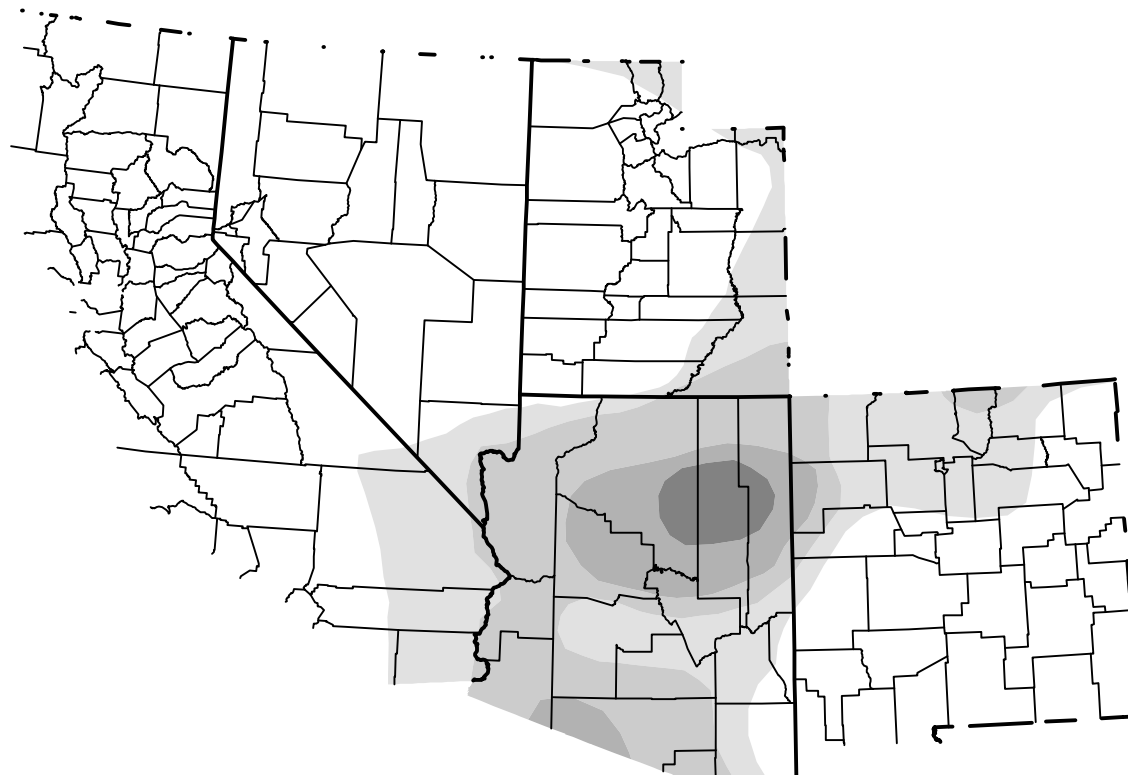


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.99	33.01	17.13	5.72	1.39	0.00
Last Week <i>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	33.05	17.13	5.72	1.39	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-06-2006</i>	54.03	45.97	39.89	33.41	20.11	3.26
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>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	33.05	17.13	5.72	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-06-2005</i>	77.89	22.11	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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