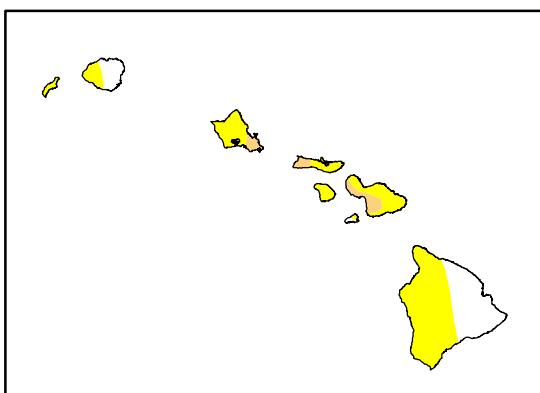
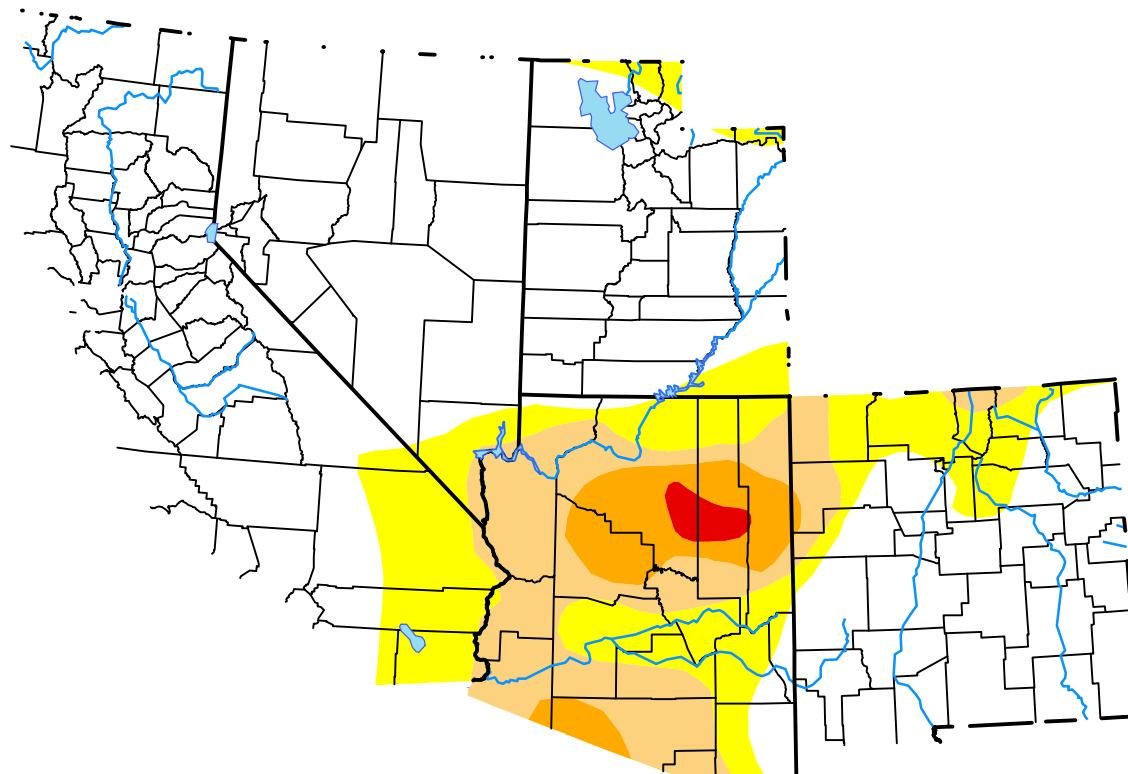


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	70.12	14.99	10.47	3.84	0.58	0.00
Last Week <i>10-12-2006</i>	70.27	14.84	10.47	3.84	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-20-2006</i>	53.58	6.41	11.66	18.61	8.49	1.26
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	15.92	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-20-2005</i>	73.50	20.78	5.72	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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