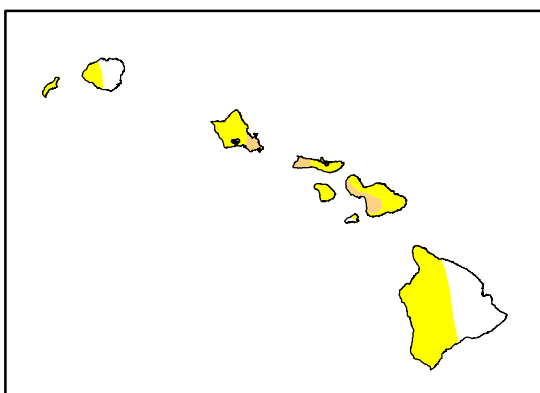
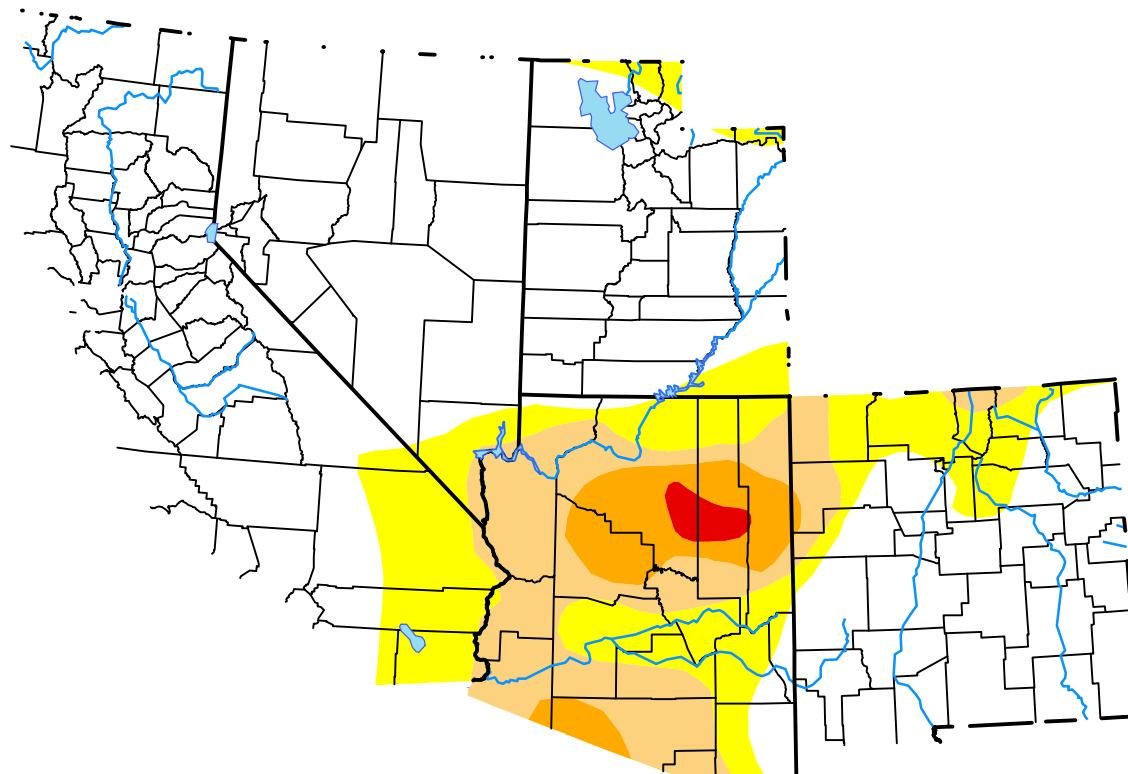


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	70.12	29.88	14.89	4.42	0.58	0.00
Last Week 10-12-2006	70.27	29.73	14.89	4.42	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-20-2006	53.58	46.42	40.01	28.35	9.75	1.26
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	57.15	42.85	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2006	66.95	33.05	17.13	5.72	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago 10-20-2005	73.50	26.50	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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