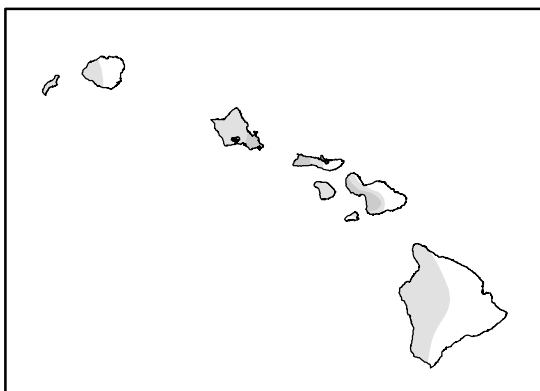
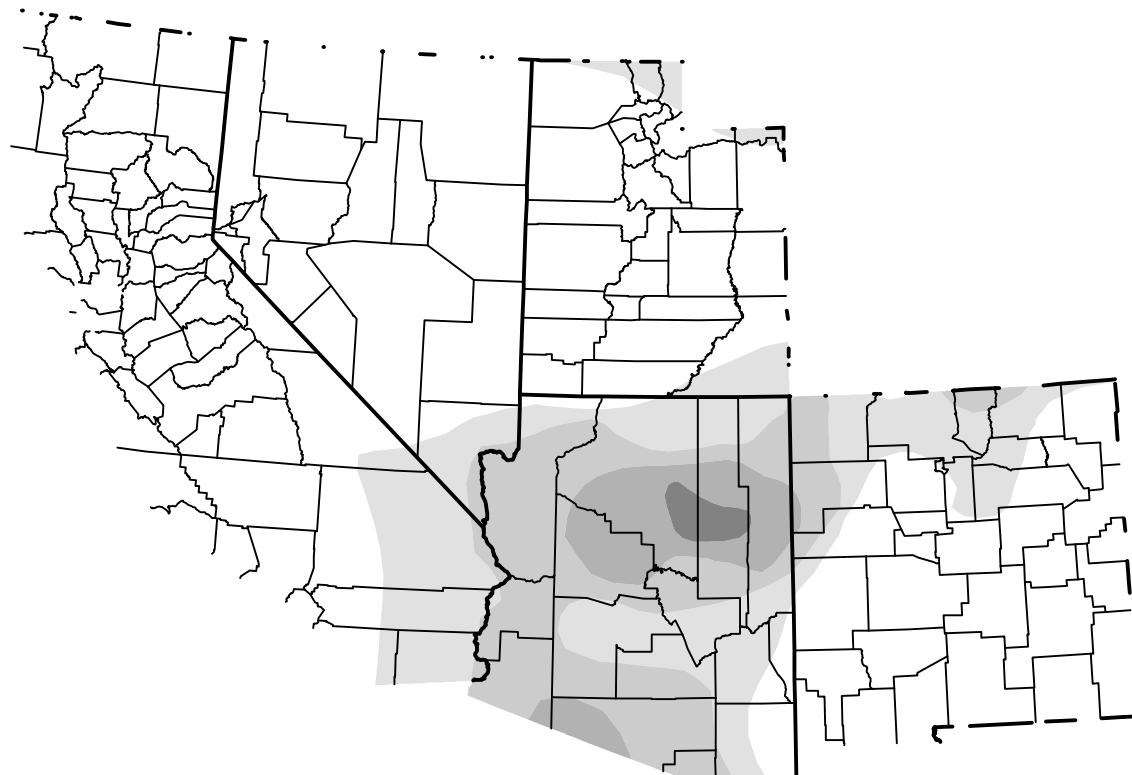


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 70.29 | 29.71 | 14.89 | 4.42  | 0.58  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>10-19-2006              | 70.12 | 29.88 | 14.89 | 4.42  | 0.58  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>07-27-2006           | 53.58 | 46.42 | 40.01 | 28.37 | 9.75  | 1.26 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2006 | 57.15 | 42.85 | 12.95 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-28-2006    | 66.95 | 33.05 | 17.13 | 5.72  | 1.39  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>10-26-2005           | 70.34 | 29.66 | 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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