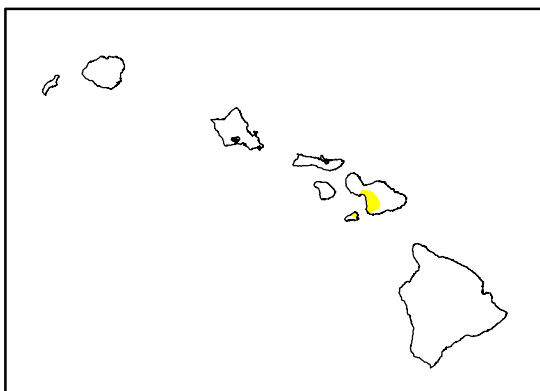
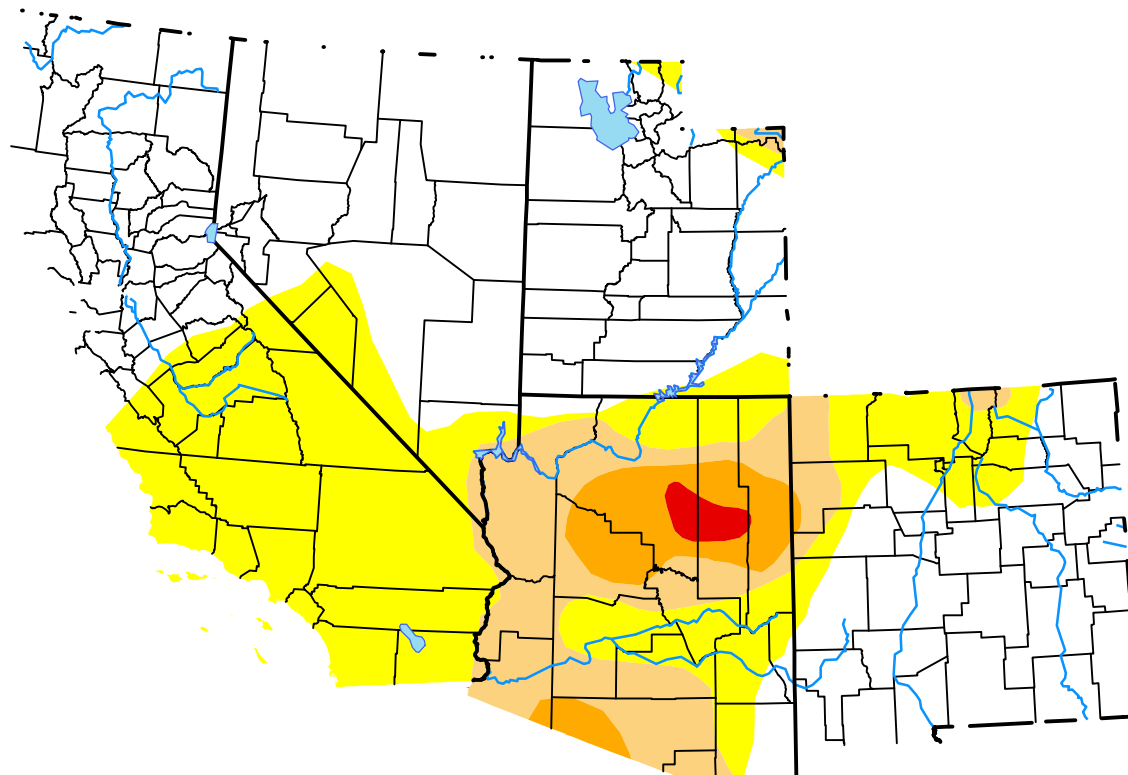


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.21	41.79	14.96	4.42	0.58	0.00
Last Week 11-30-2006	68.94	31.06	14.81	4.42	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-07-2006	60.43	39.57	22.62	8.94	2.03	0.00
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 12-08-2005	64.21	35.79	6.75	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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