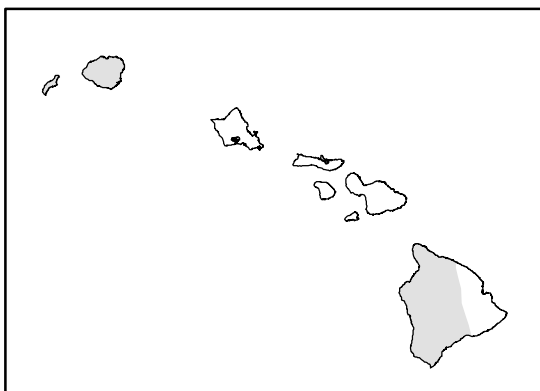
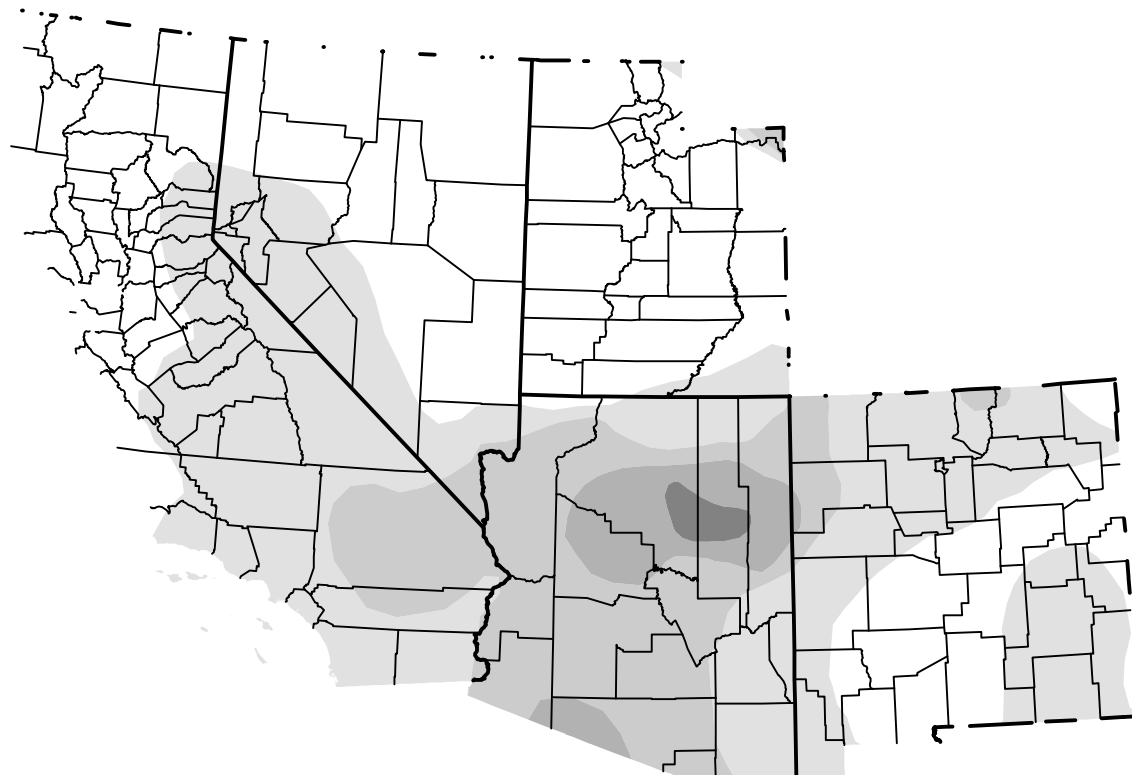


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.73	34.66	15.19	3.84	0.58	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2006</i>	53.75	29.60	12.22	3.84	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2006</i>	66.92	15.07	12.29	4.33	1.39	0.00
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>12-22-2005</i>	59.45	31.66	8.89	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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