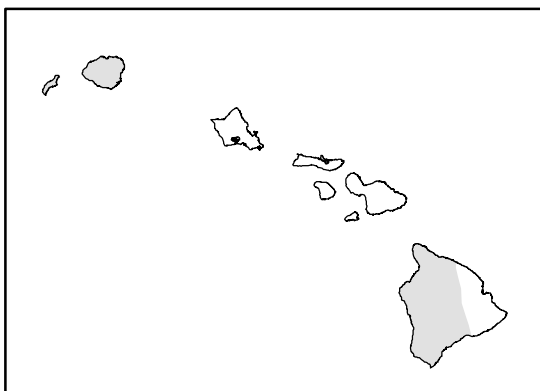
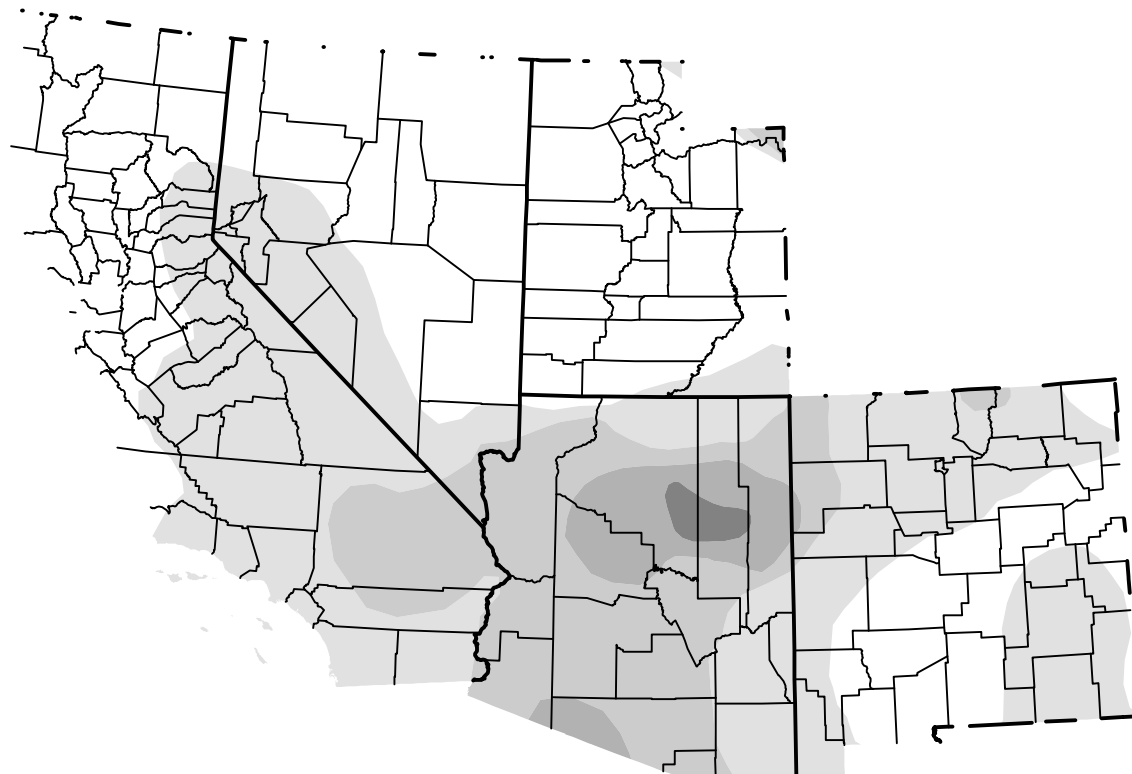


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 19, 2006**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.73 | 54.27 | 19.61 | 4.42  | 0.58  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-14-2006</i>              | 53.75 | 46.25 | 16.64 | 4.42  | 0.58  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-21-2006</i>           | 66.92 | 33.08 | 18.01 | 5.72  | 1.39  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 57.15 | 42.85 | 12.95 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2006</i>    | 66.95 | 33.05 | 17.13 | 5.72  | 1.39  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-22-2005</i>           | 59.45 | 40.55 | 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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