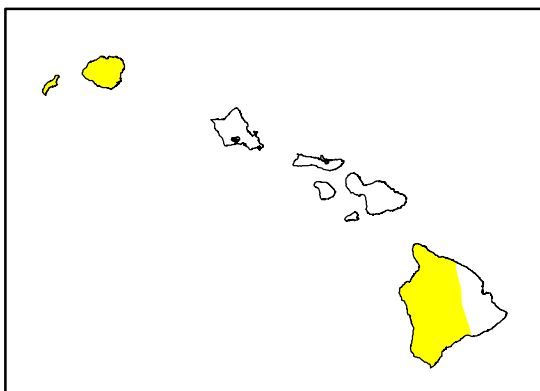
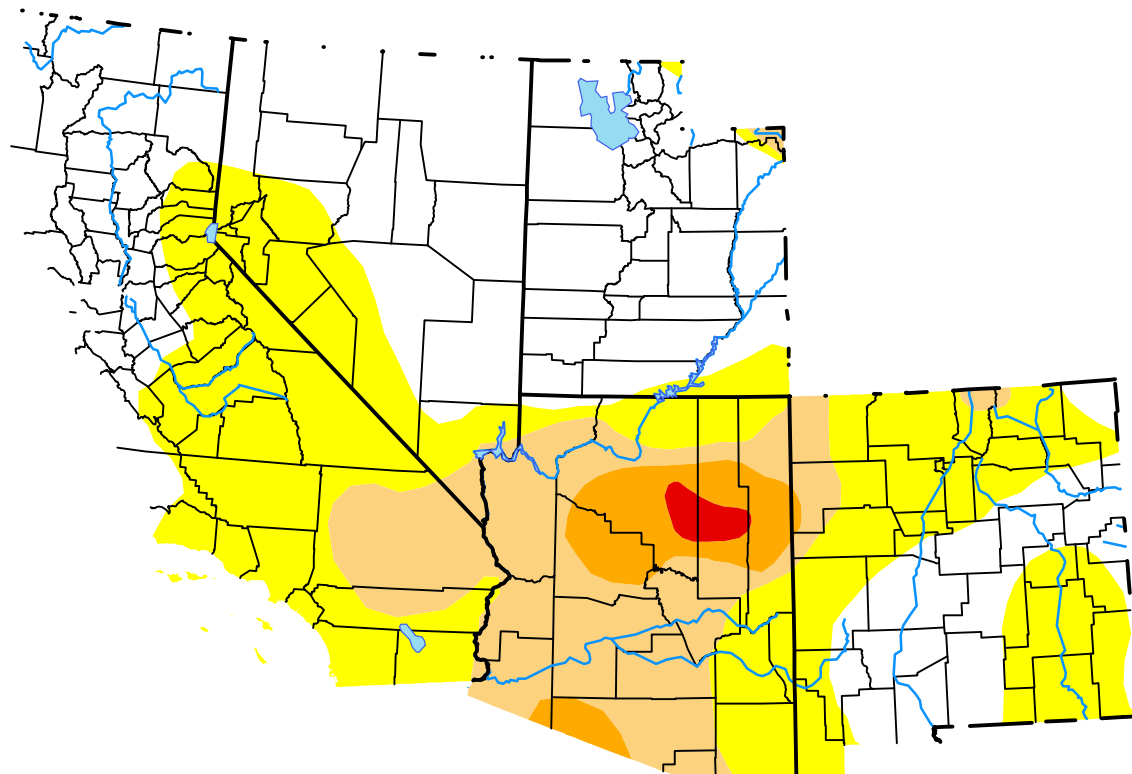


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 12-21-2006	45.73	34.66	15.19	3.84	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-28-2006	66.95	15.92	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2006	66.95	15.92	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago 12-29-2005	59.88	31.22	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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