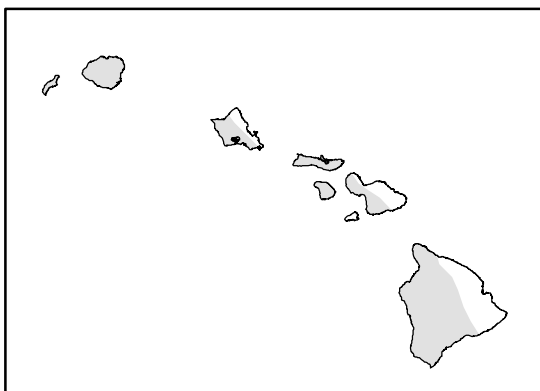
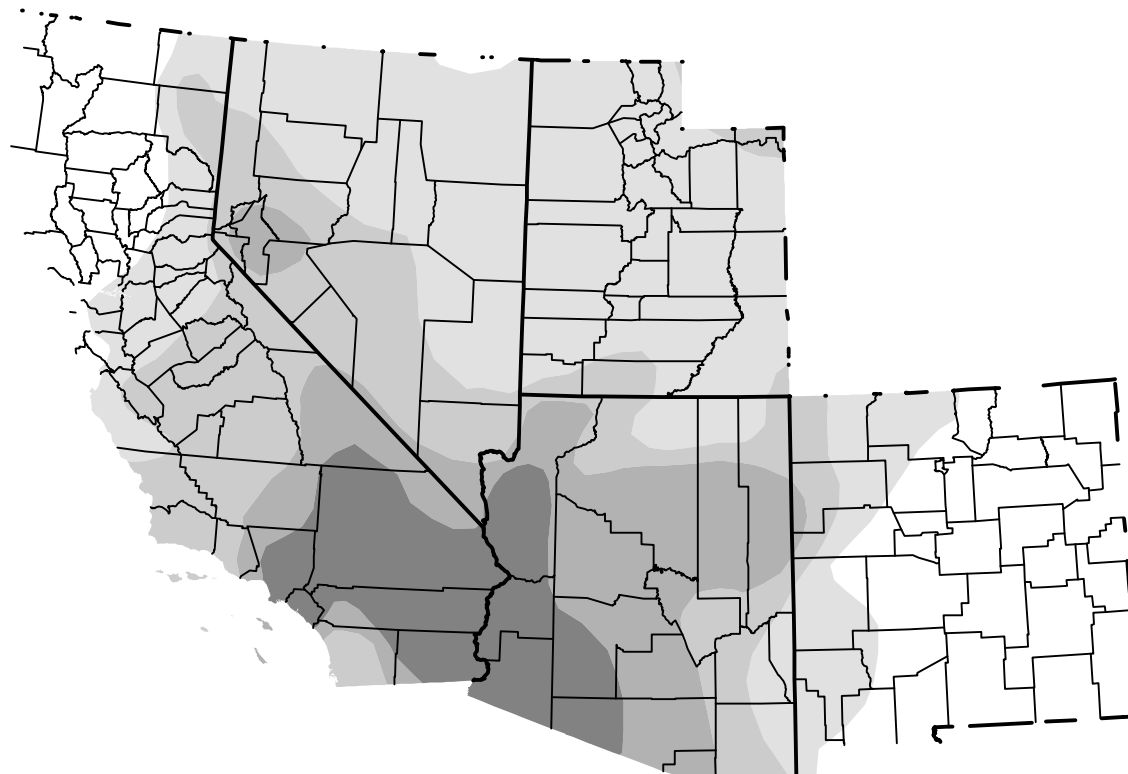


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.07	77.93	42.99	23.37	9.81	0.00
Last Week <i>03-08-2007</i>	25.23	74.77	37.51	17.70	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2006</i>	53.75	46.25	16.64	4.42	0.58	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2007</i>	48.60	51.40	23.83	4.42	0.58	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	33.05	17.13	5.72	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-16-2006</i>	50.57	49.43	38.48	29.38	9.96	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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