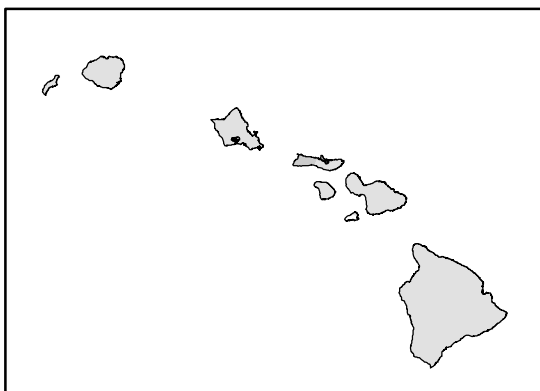
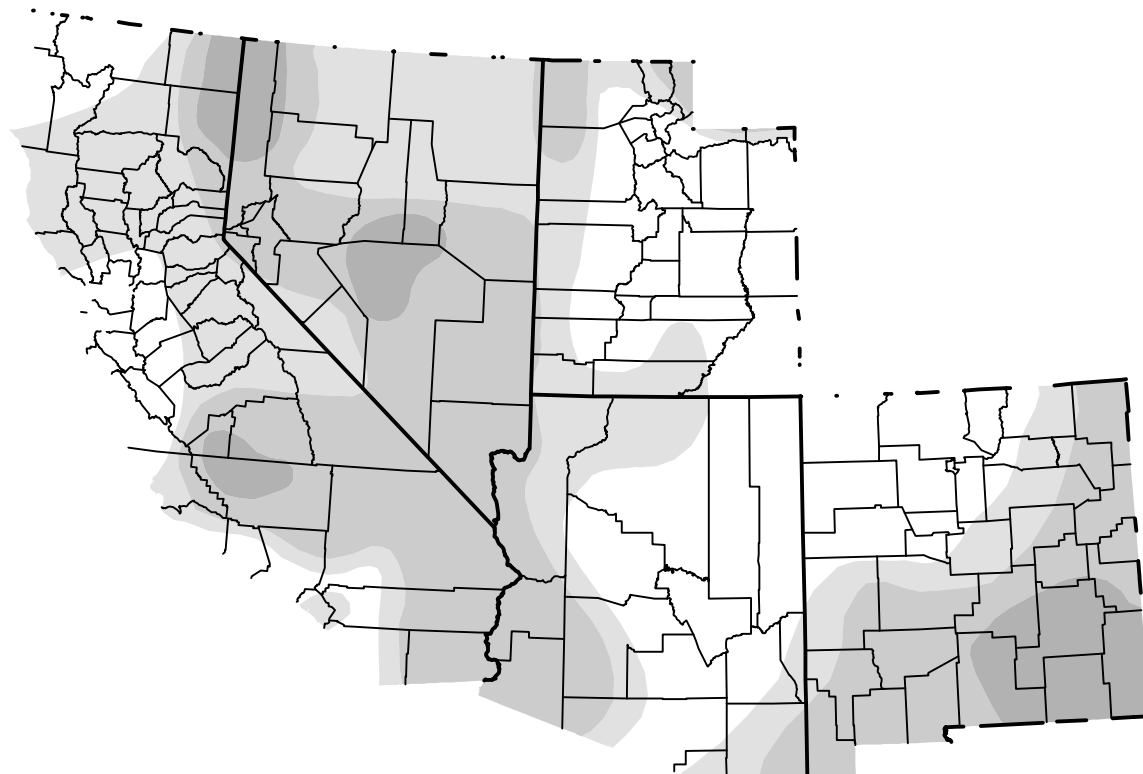


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**April 22, 2008**  
 (Released Thursday, Apr. 24, 2008)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 32.59 | 28.58 | 31.50 | 7.33  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>04-17-2008              | 32.59 | 28.59 | 30.96 | 7.86  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>01-24-2008           | 22.16 | 16.99 | 26.49 | 34.36 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2008 | 20.86 | 15.84 | 17.96 | 39.89 | 5.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2007    | 21.09 | 9.20  | 18.48 | 35.21 | 16.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>04-26-2007           | 16.99 | 10.64 | 37.35 | 23.13 | 11.89 | 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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