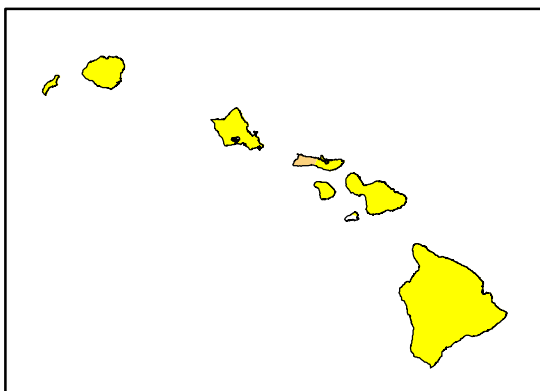
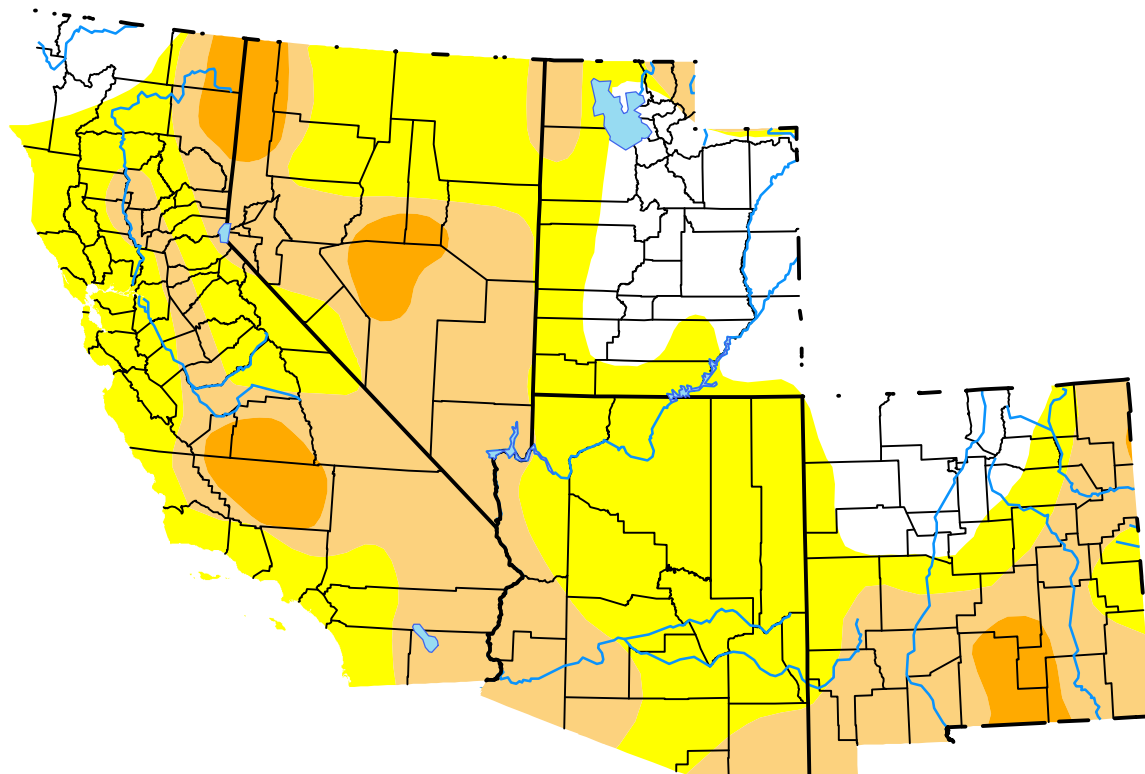


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.16	42.86	34.87	6.11	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-01-2008</i>	16.85	41.35	33.31	8.48	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-07-2008</i>	30.38	25.64	24.94	19.04	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2007</i>	21.09	9.20	18.48	35.21	16.01	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-10-2007</i>	16.93	10.62	37.29	23.27	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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