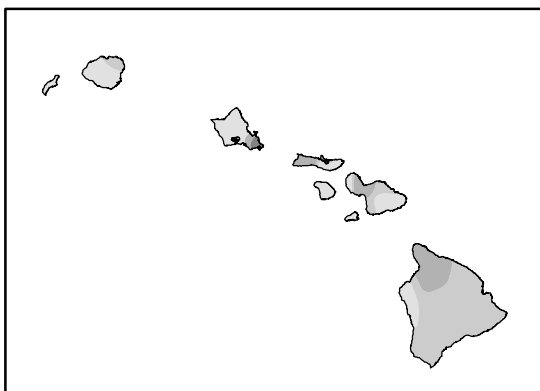
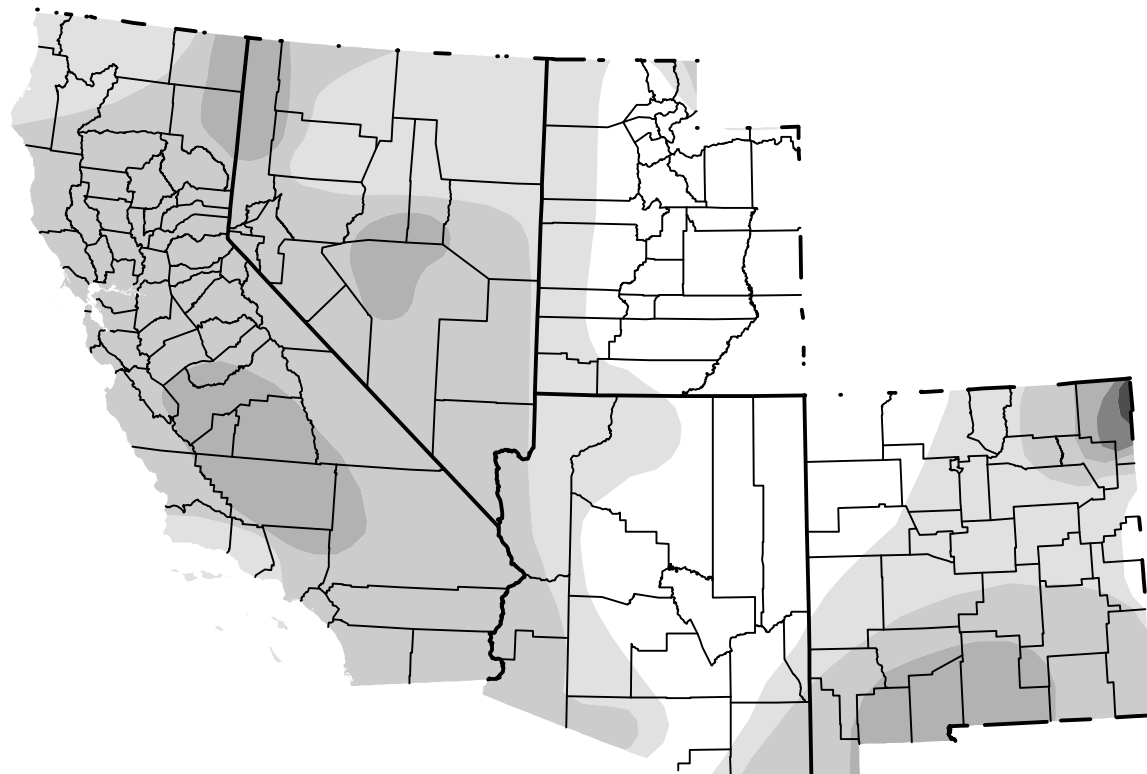


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.86	75.14	49.48	10.73	0.38	0.08
Last Week 07-10-2008	22.18	77.82	53.57	14.90	2.89	0.08
3 Months Ago 04-17-2008	32.59	67.41	38.81	7.86	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2008	20.86	79.14	63.29	45.33	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2007	21.09	78.91	69.70	51.22	16.01	0.00
One Year Ago 07-19-2007	14.66	85.34	77.00	50.20	16.60	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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