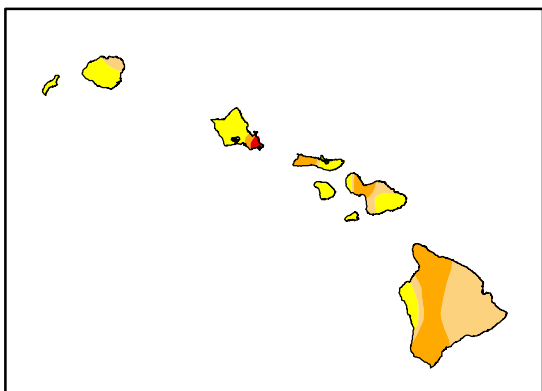
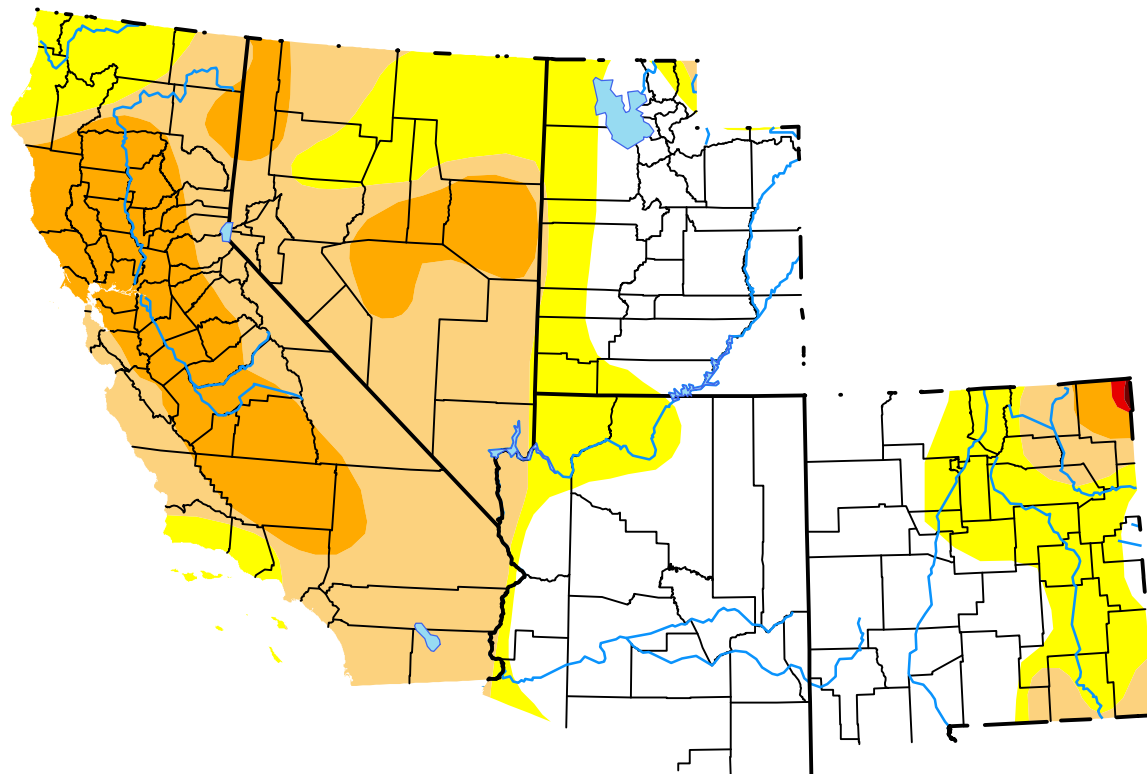


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.92	20.22	26.85	14.90	0.08	0.03
Last Week 07-24-2008	31.92	27.20	33.21	7.56	0.08	0.03
3 Months Ago 05-01-2008	16.85	41.35	33.31	8.48	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2008	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2007	21.09	9.20	18.48	35.21	16.01	0.00
One Year Ago 08-02-2007	14.78	8.22	10.47	49.92	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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