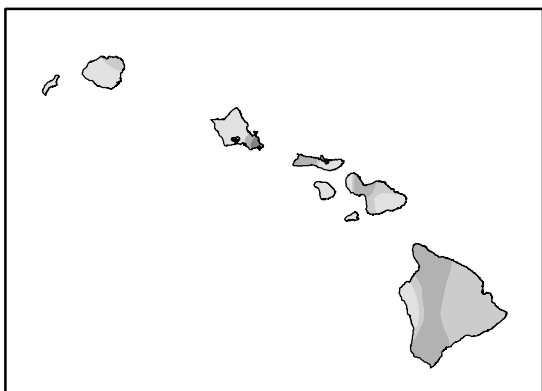
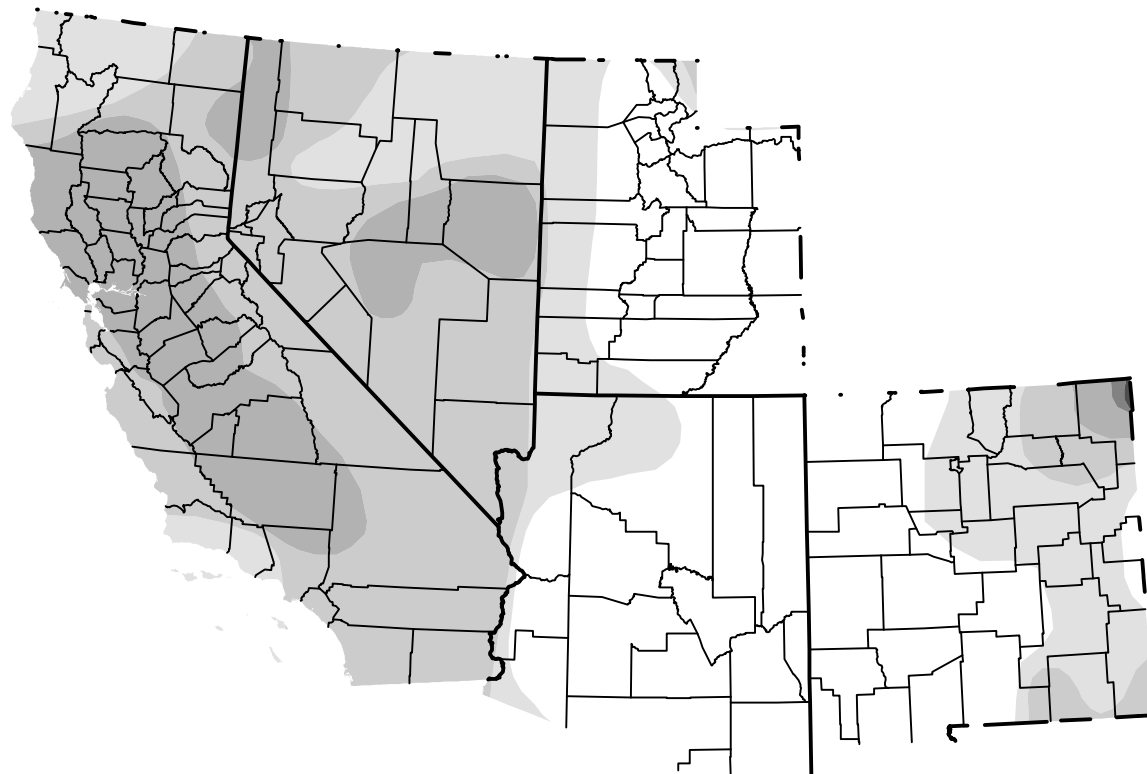


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**July 29, 2008**  
*(Released Thursday, Jul. 31, 2008)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

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