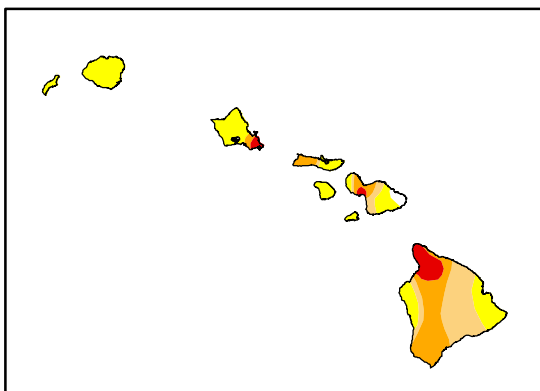
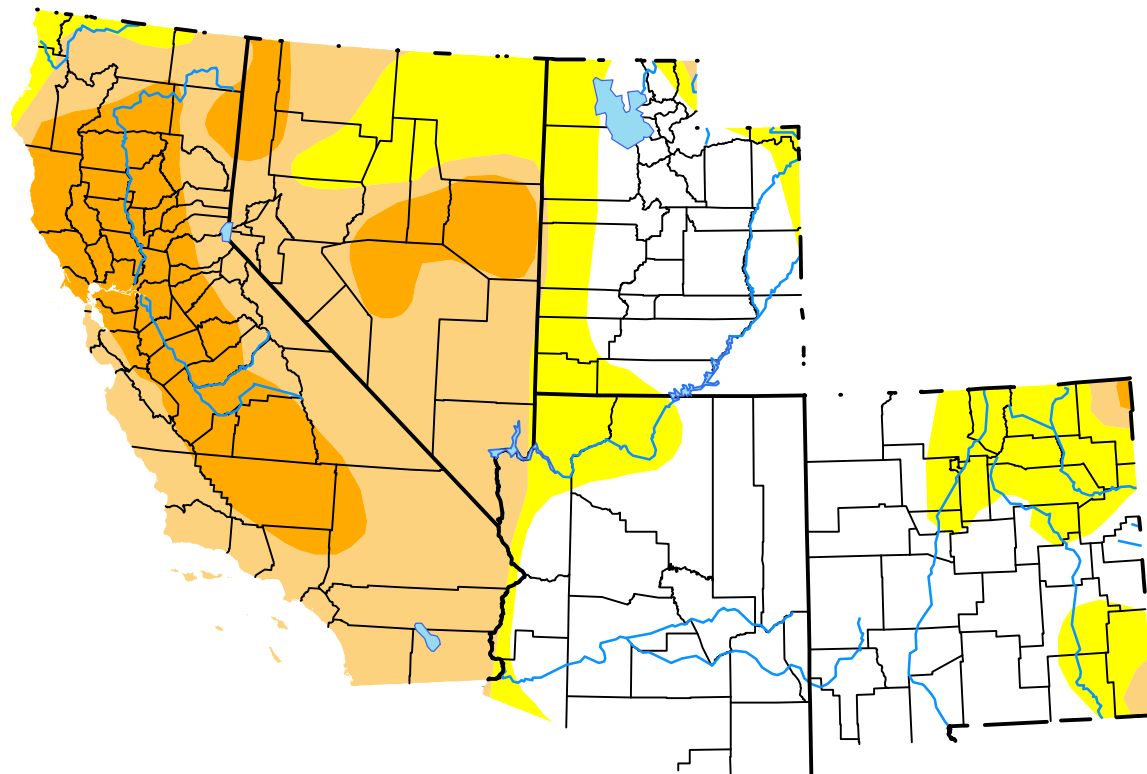


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.96	60.04	41.84	15.25	0.08	0.00
Last Week 08-14-2008	38.73	61.27	41.00	14.75	0.09	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-22-2008	16.34	83.66	40.07	6.81	0.31	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 08-23-2007	19.28	80.72	70.93	59.32	16.41	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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