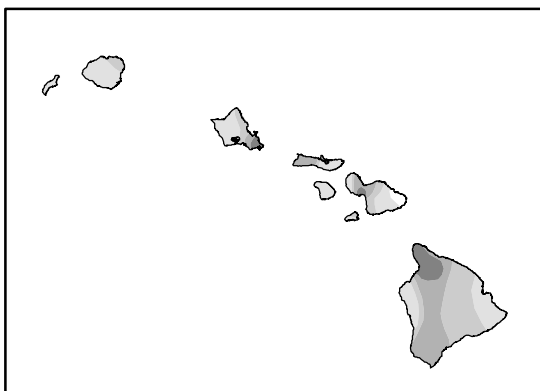
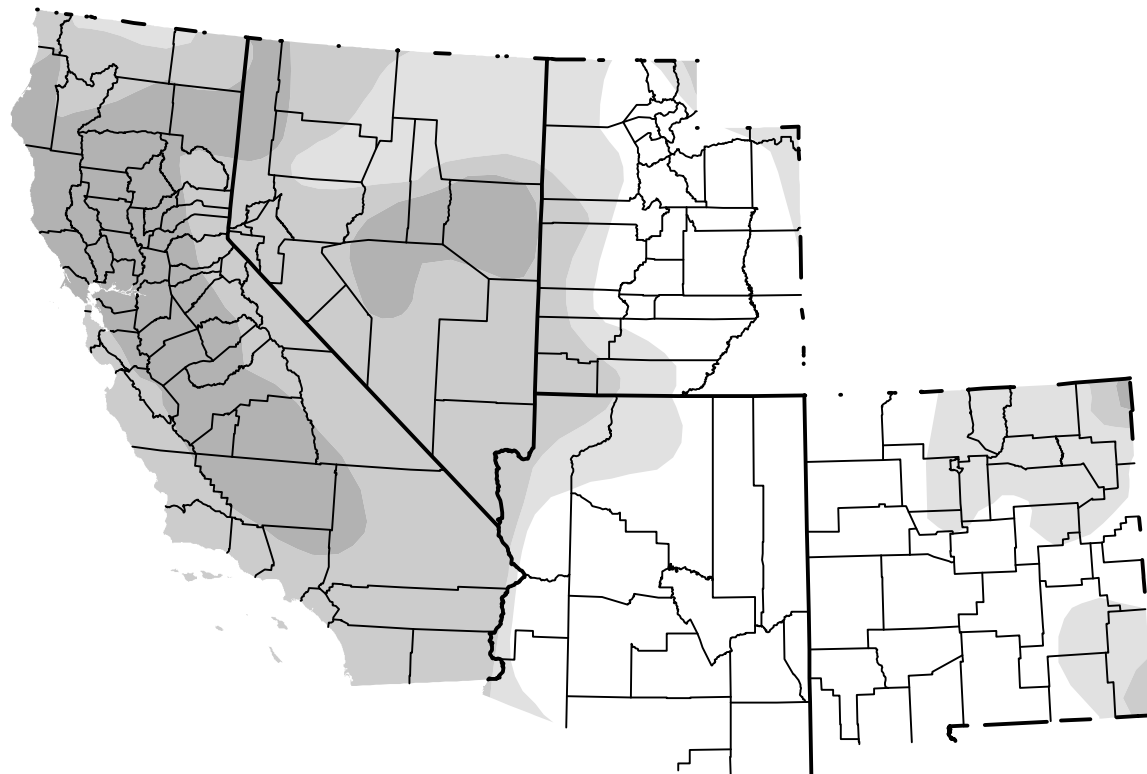


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.94	61.06	44.52	16.08	0.08	0.00
Last Week 08-28-2008	39.96	60.04	42.08	15.71	0.08	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-05-2008	27.15	72.85	41.94	8.02	0.17	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 09-06-2007	20.26	79.74	70.87	59.22	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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