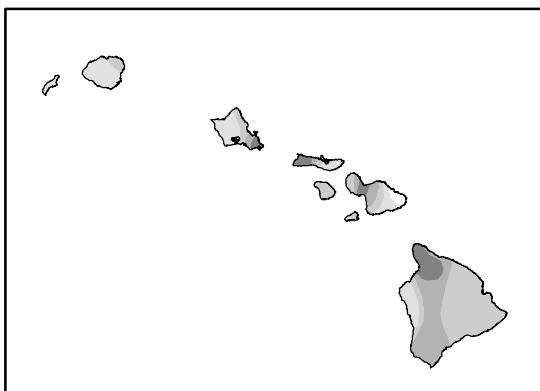
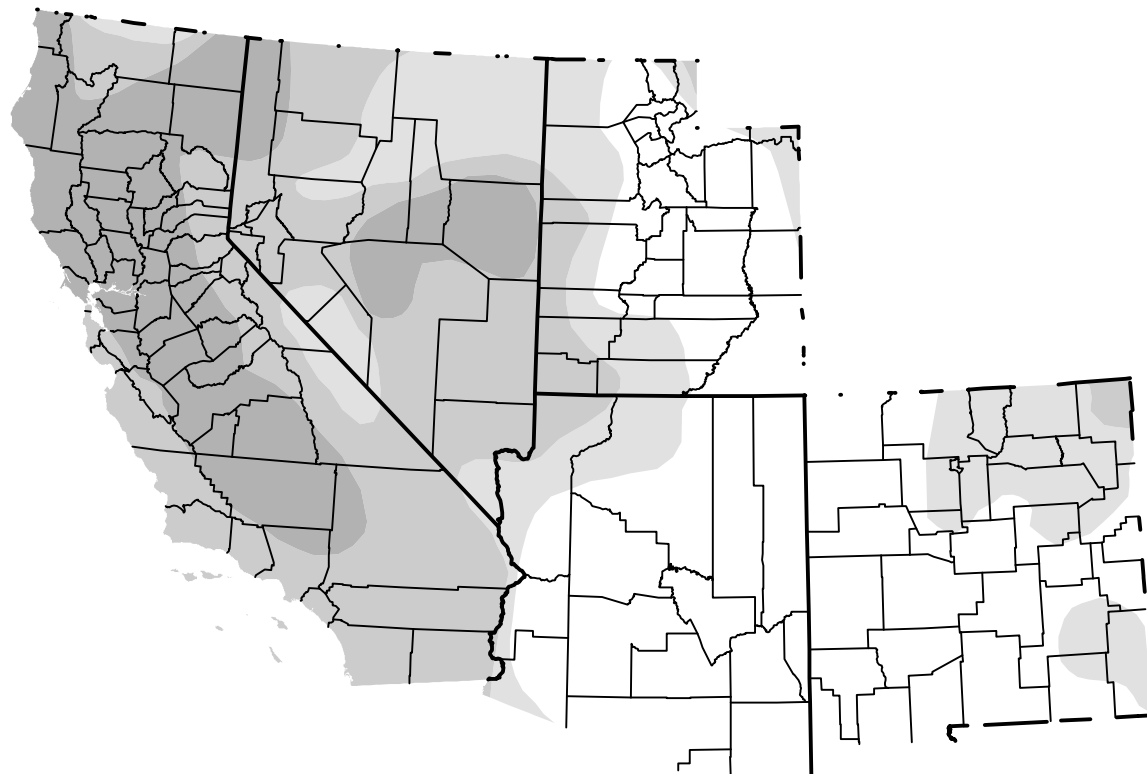


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.93	18.50	25.39	17.09	0.10	0.00
Last Week <i>09-11-2008</i>	39.29	18.22	25.24	17.16	0.08	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2008</i>	22.06	21.31	41.07	12.43	2.91	0.22
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2007</i>	21.09	9.20	18.48	35.21	16.01	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-20-2007</i>	19.72	9.40	11.65	42.81	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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