

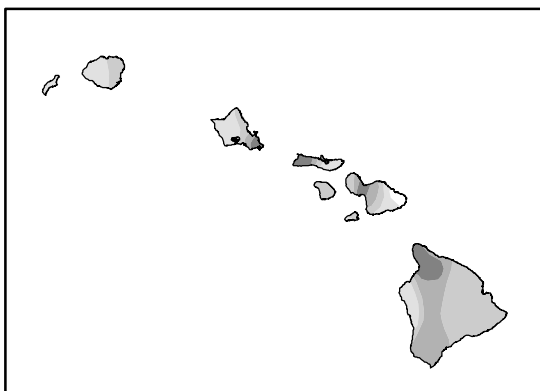
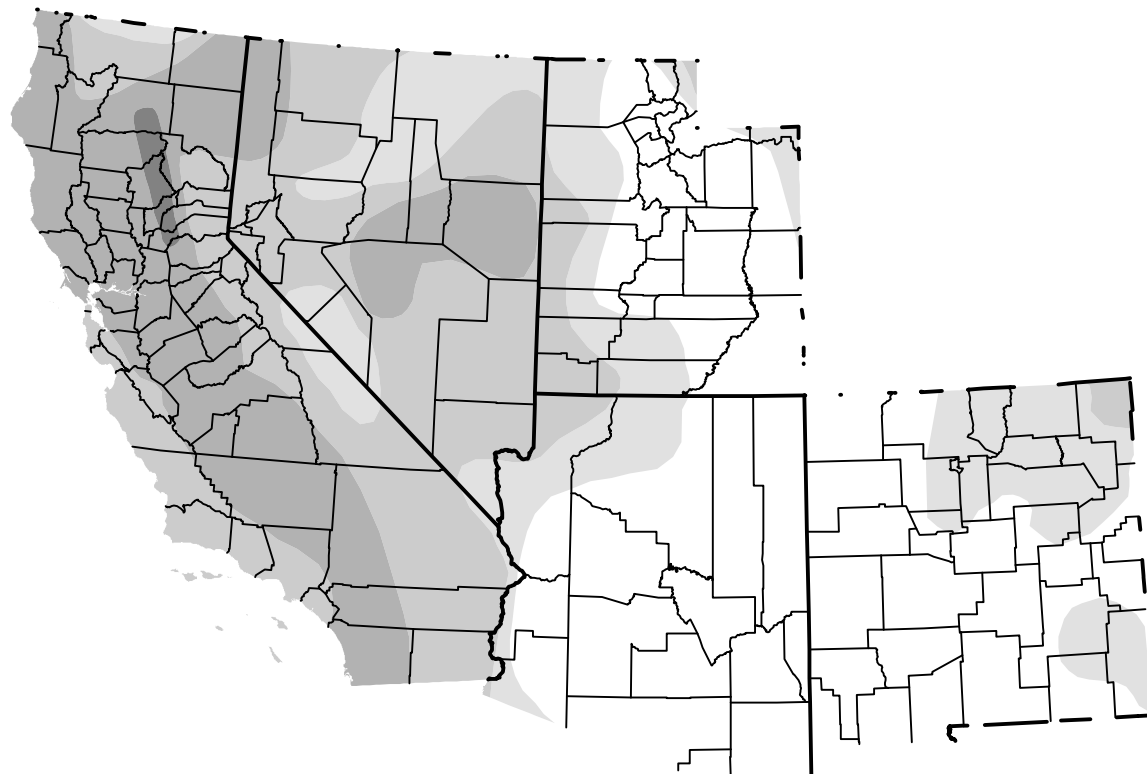
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
Last Week <i>09-25-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-03-2008</i>	22.05	22.98	39.79	12.19	2.94	0.05
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>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-04-2007</i>	21.29	9.86	17.72	35.11	16.01	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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