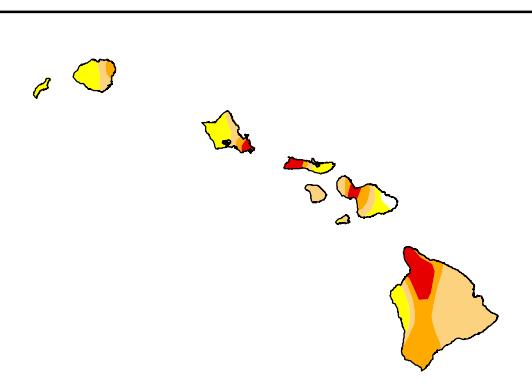
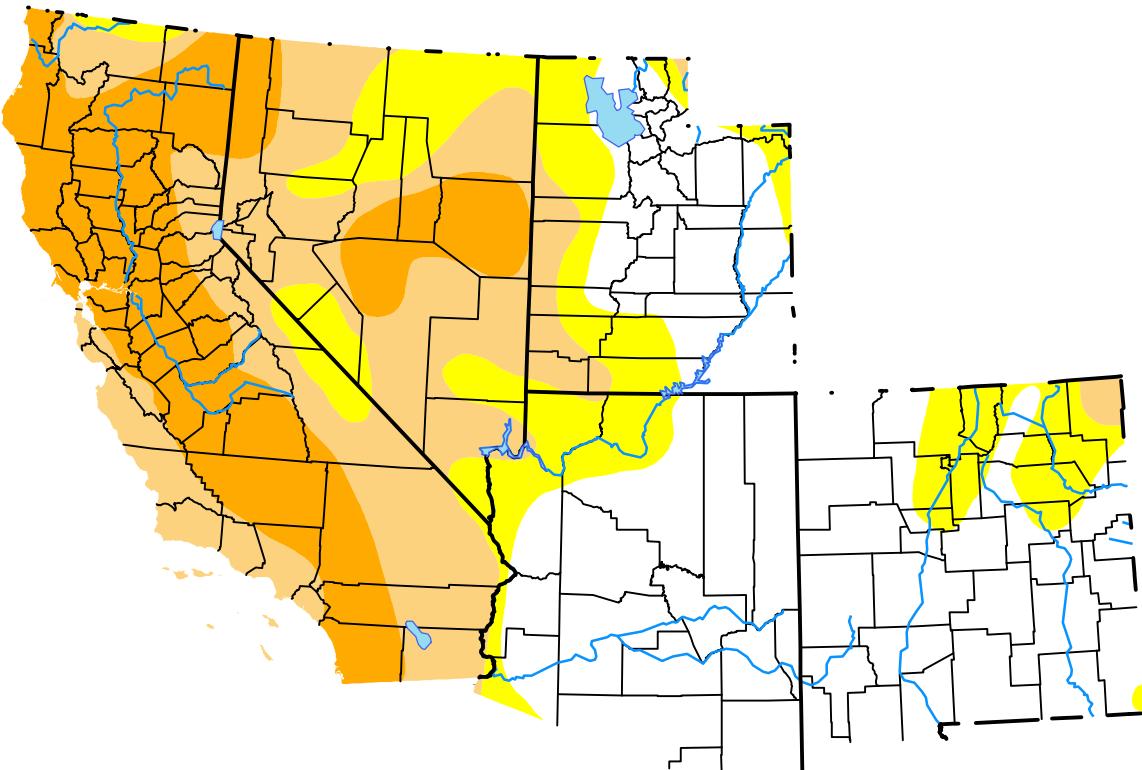


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.98	59.02	42.35	18.92	0.13	0.00
Last Week 10-09-2008	38.93	61.07	42.34	18.86	0.13	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-17-2008	24.86	75.14	49.48	10.73	0.38	0.08
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2008	20.86	79.14	63.29	45.33	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago 10-18-2007	19.57	80.43	68.84	51.13	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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