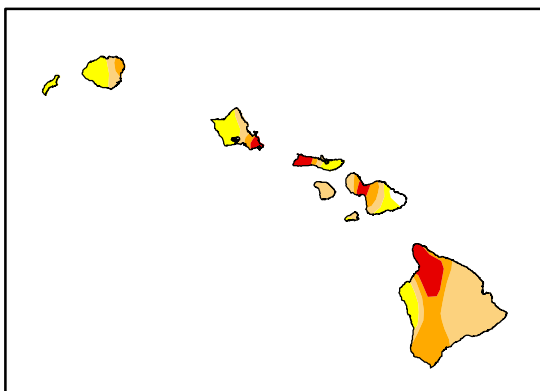
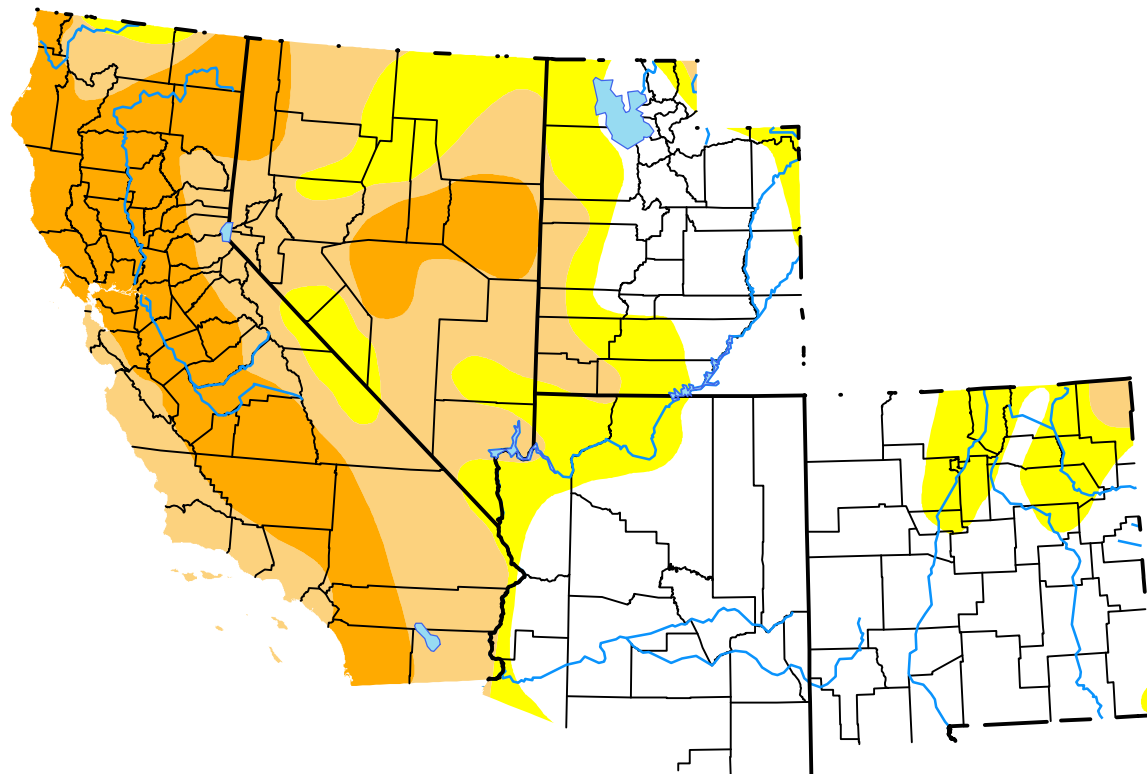


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 14, 2008**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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

### Author:

Richard Tinker  
 CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)