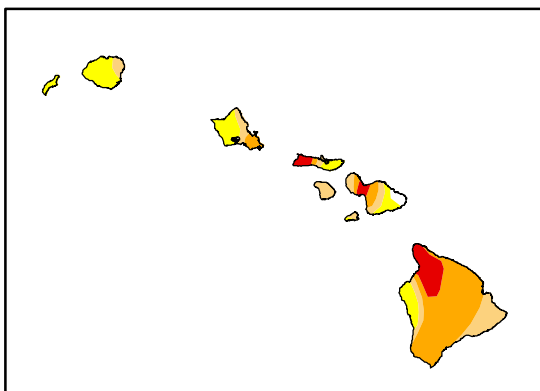
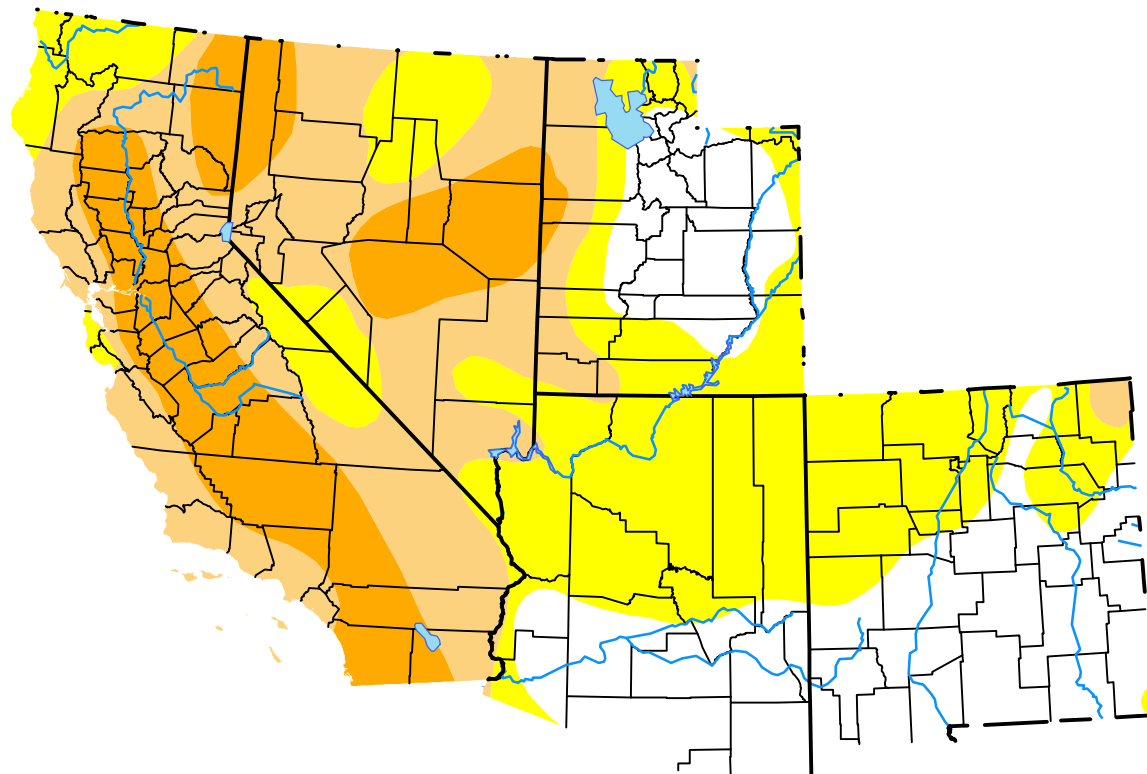


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.93	74.07	41.82	16.83	0.12	0.00
Last Week <i>11-26-2008</i>	27.18	72.82	41.82	16.62	0.12	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-04-2008</i>	38.94	61.06	44.52	16.08	0.08	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	20.86	79.14	63.29	45.33	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-06-2007</i>	17.26	82.74	64.47	45.35	5.44	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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