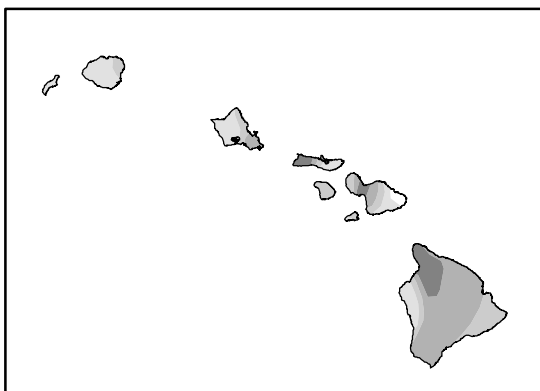
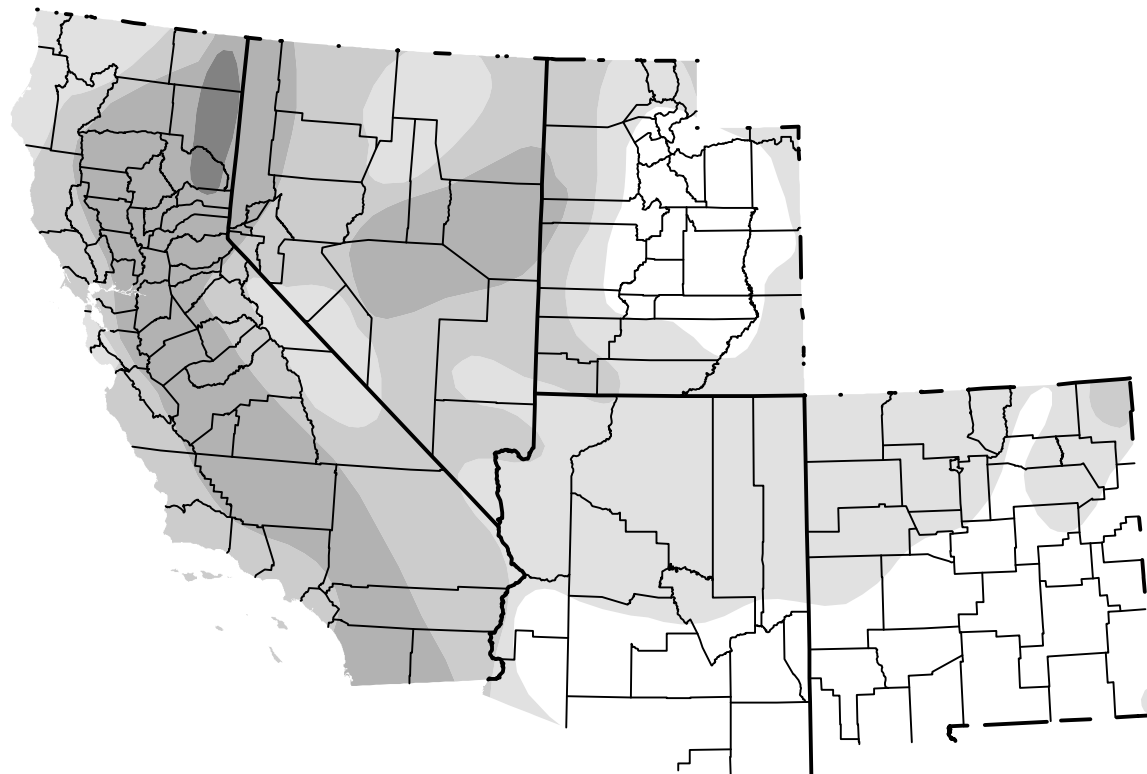


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 9, 2008**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 25.93 | 74.07 | 42.19 | 19.37 | 0.97  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-04-2008              | 25.93 | 74.07 | 41.82 | 16.83 | 0.12  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-11-2008           | 39.29 | 60.71 | 42.49 | 17.24 | 0.08  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2008 | 20.86 | 79.14 | 63.29 | 45.33 | 5.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-02-2008    | 38.93 | 61.07 | 43.48 | 18.91 | 0.65  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-13-2007           | 19.93 | 80.07 | 63.26 | 45.33 | 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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