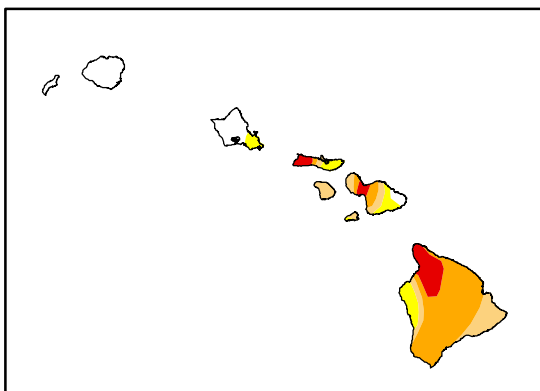
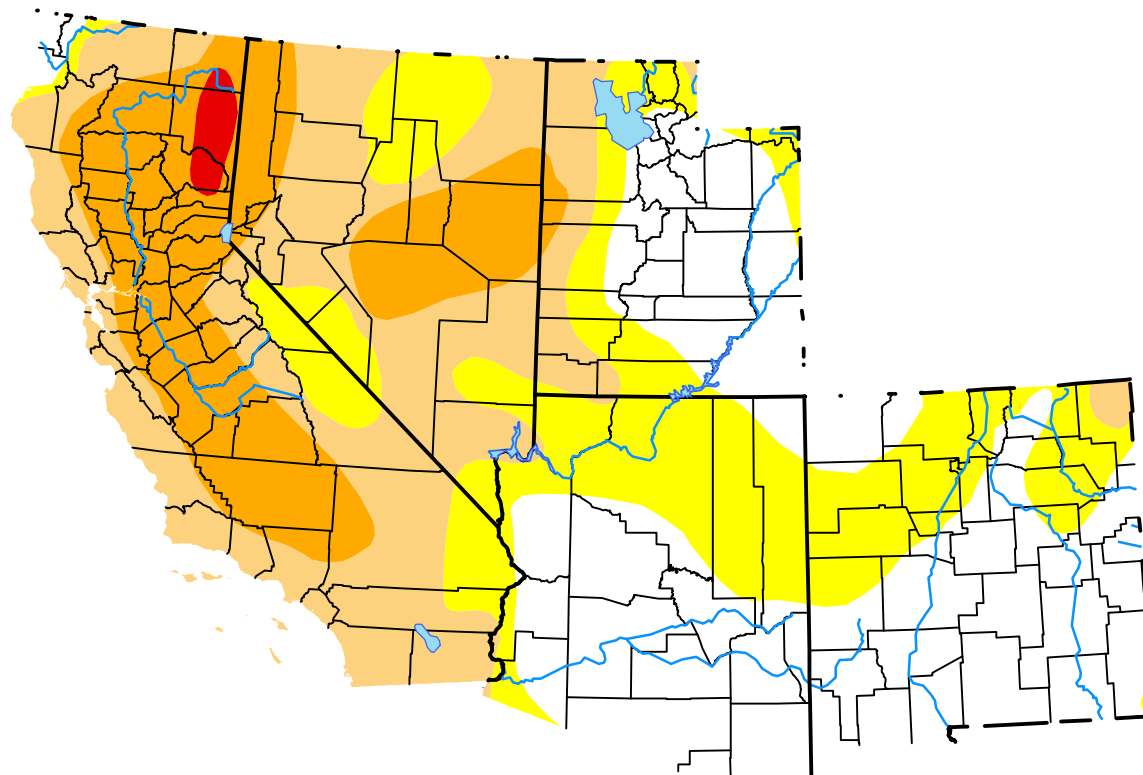


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 30, 2008**  
*(Released Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 34.00 | 66.00 | 42.31 | 17.71 | 0.86  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-24-2008              | 29.81 | 70.19 | 42.46 | 17.71 | 0.86  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>10-02-2008           | 38.93 | 61.07 | 43.48 | 18.91 | 0.65  | 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>01-03-2008           | 20.86 | 79.14 | 63.29 | 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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