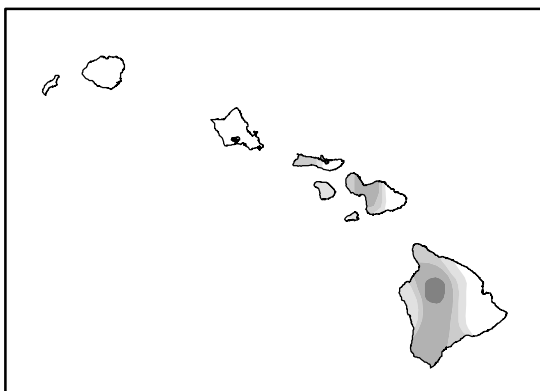
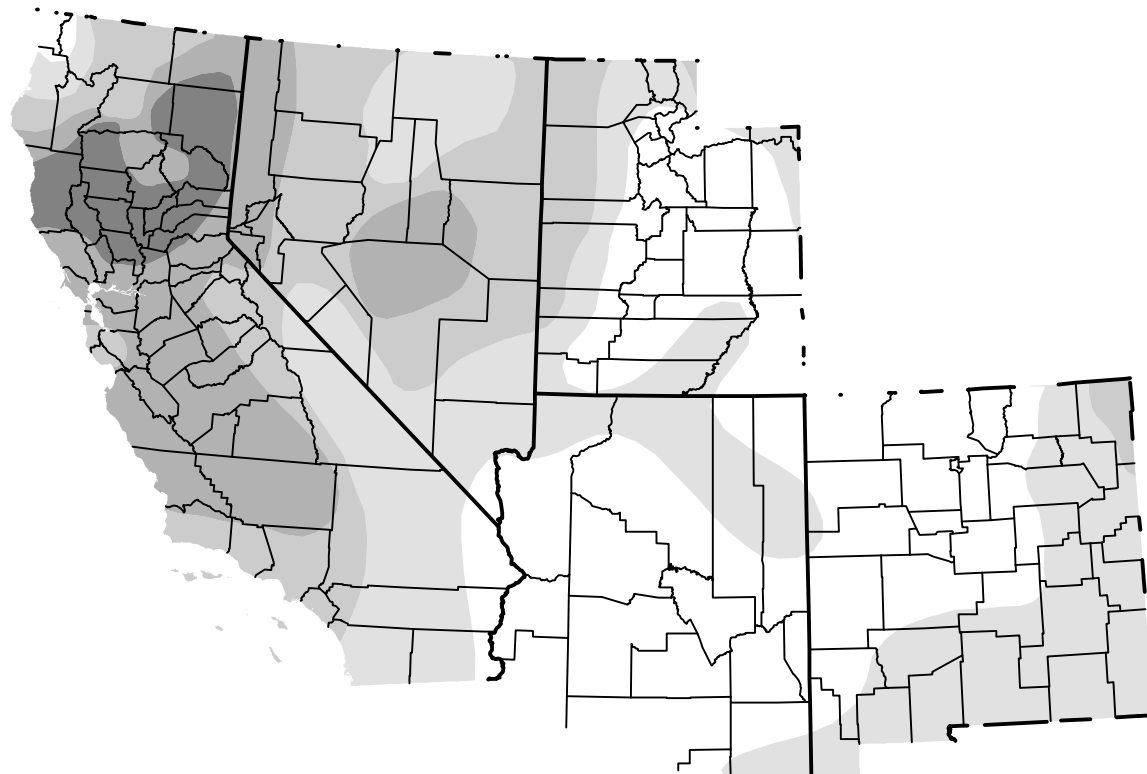


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.17	30.33	16.93	13.60	3.97	0.00
Last Week <i>02-19-2009</i>	35.15	30.48	14.75	15.13	4.49	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-26-2008</i>	27.18	31.00	25.20	16.50	0.12	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-28-2008</i>	33.35	28.48	20.55	17.62	0.00	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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