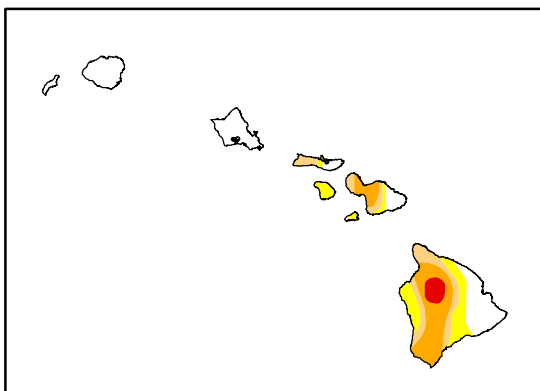
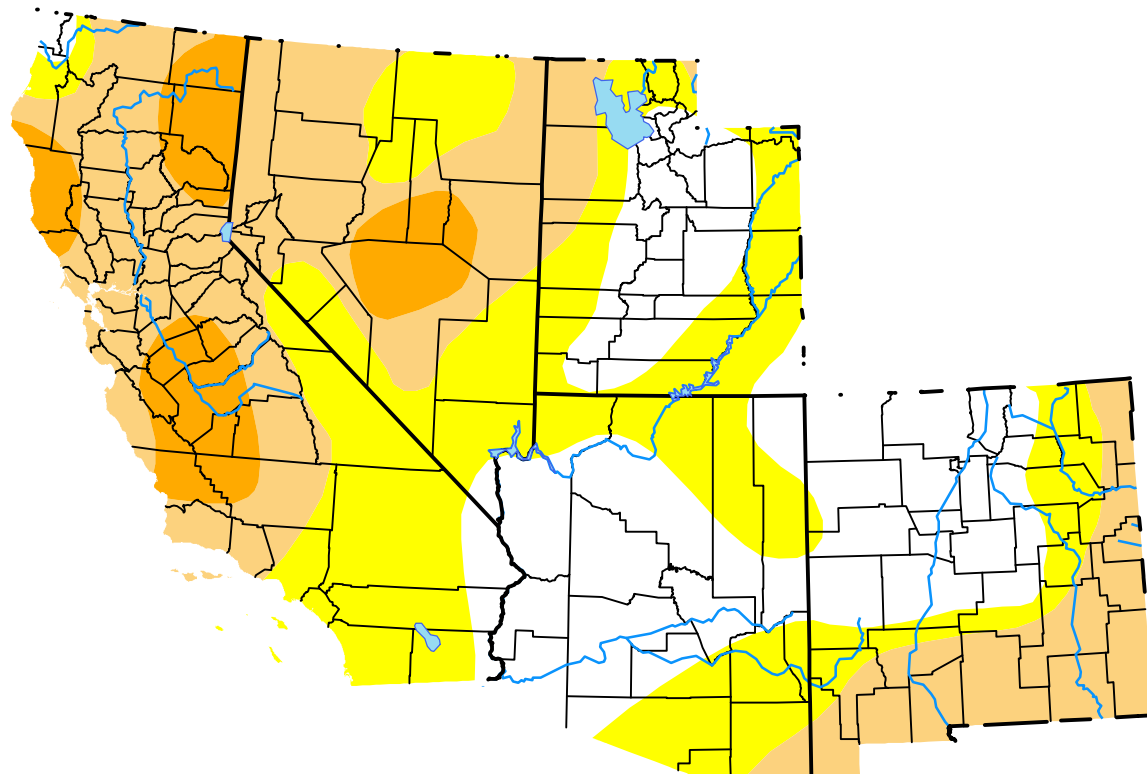


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Current | 28.45 | 32.86 | 30.25 | 8.40 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>03-19-2009</i> | 30.70 | 34.88 | 25.99 | 8.39 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>12-24-2008</i> | 29.81 | 27.72 | 24.75 | 16.85 | 0.86 | 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>03-27-2008</i> | 38.38 | 24.63 | 22.77 | 14.22 | 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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