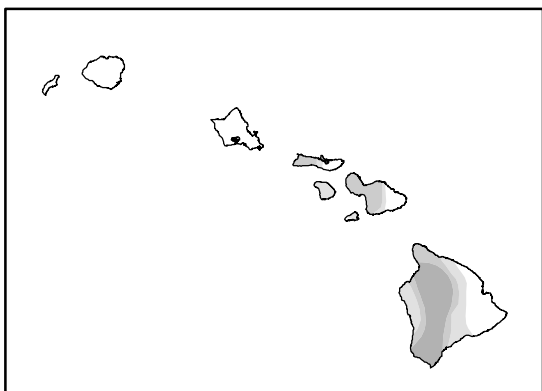
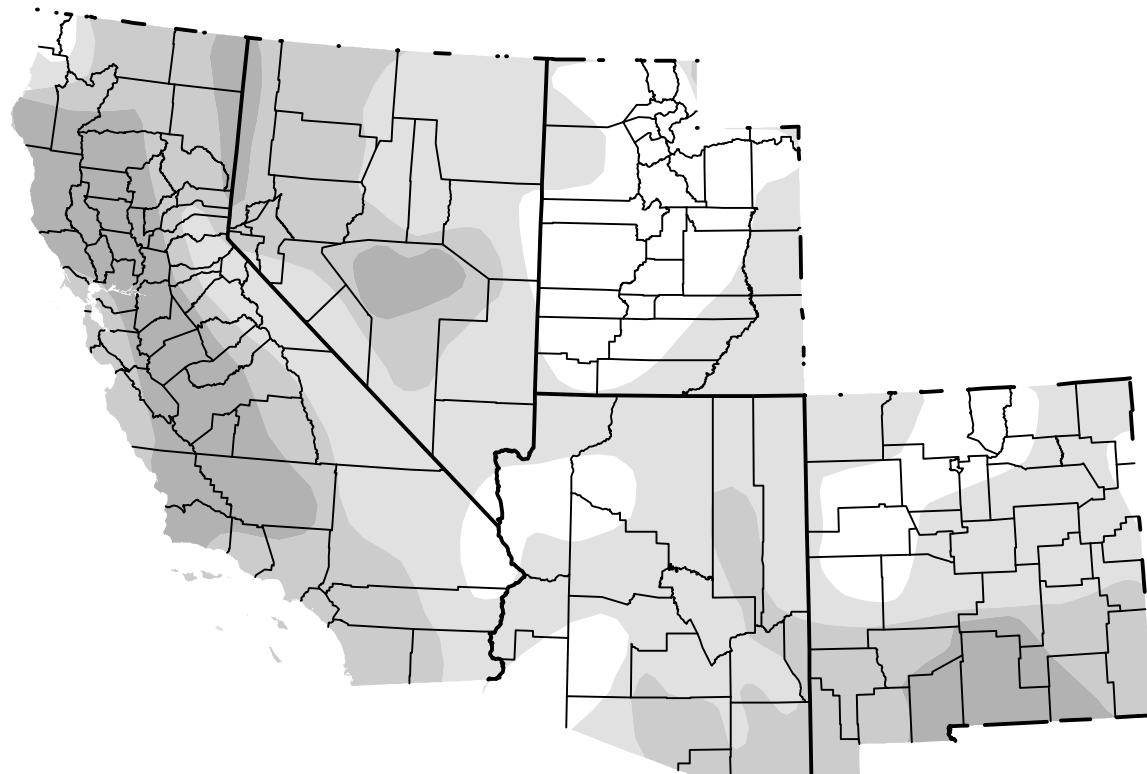


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	19.37	41.49	25.25	13.89	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-30-2009</i>	17.05	44.30	23.52	15.13	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-05-2009</i>	33.15	24.69	21.32	15.75	5.09	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>05-08-2008</i>	16.16	42.86	34.87	6.11	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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