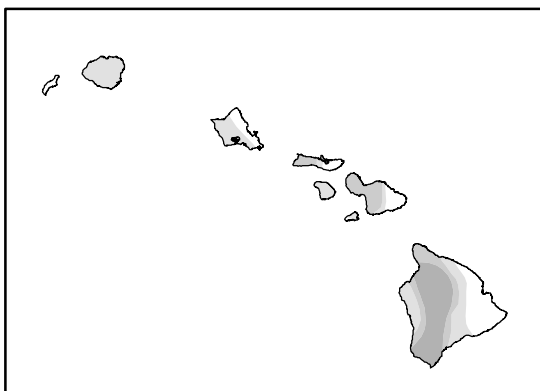
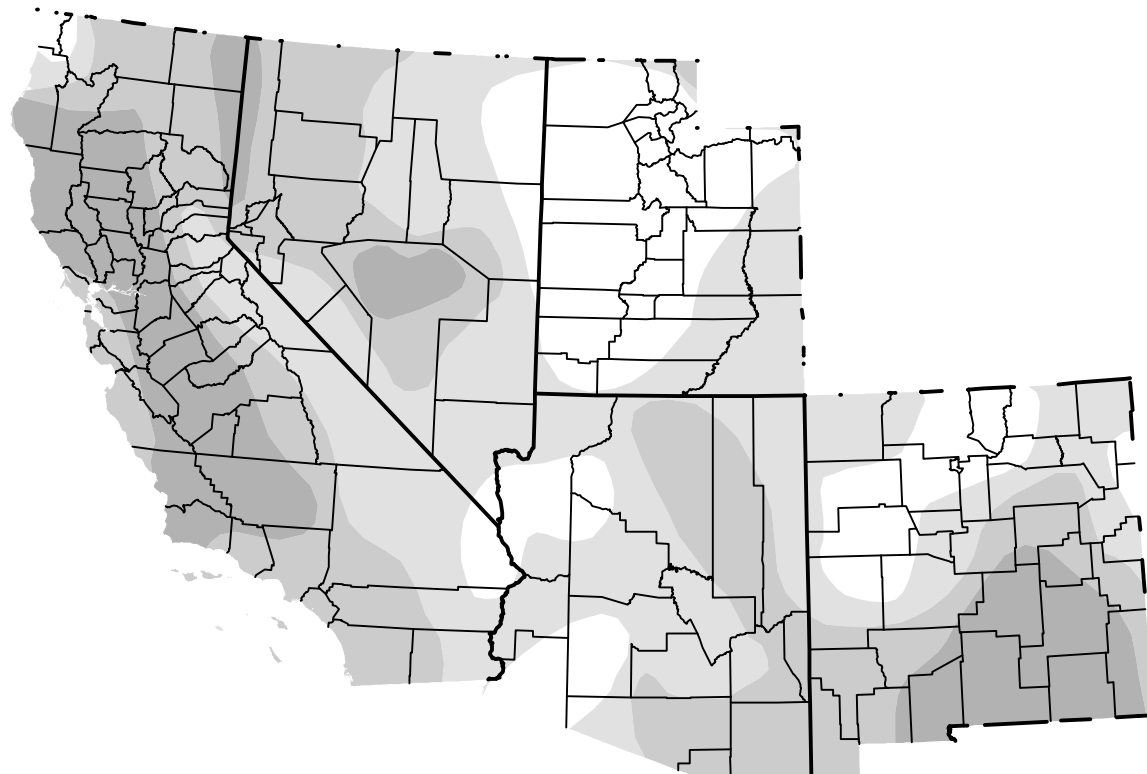


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 20.40 | 34.60 | 28.47 | 16.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-14-2009</i>              | 21.29 | 36.25 | 27.81 | 14.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-19-2009</i>           | 35.15 | 30.48 | 14.75 | 15.13 | 4.49 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 34.00 | 23.69 | 24.60 | 16.85 | 0.86 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 38.93 | 17.60 | 24.57 | 18.26 | 0.65 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-22-2008</i>           | 16.34 | 43.59 | 33.26 | 6.50  | 0.31 | 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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