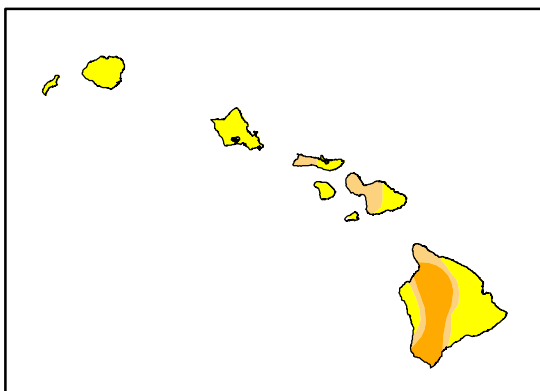
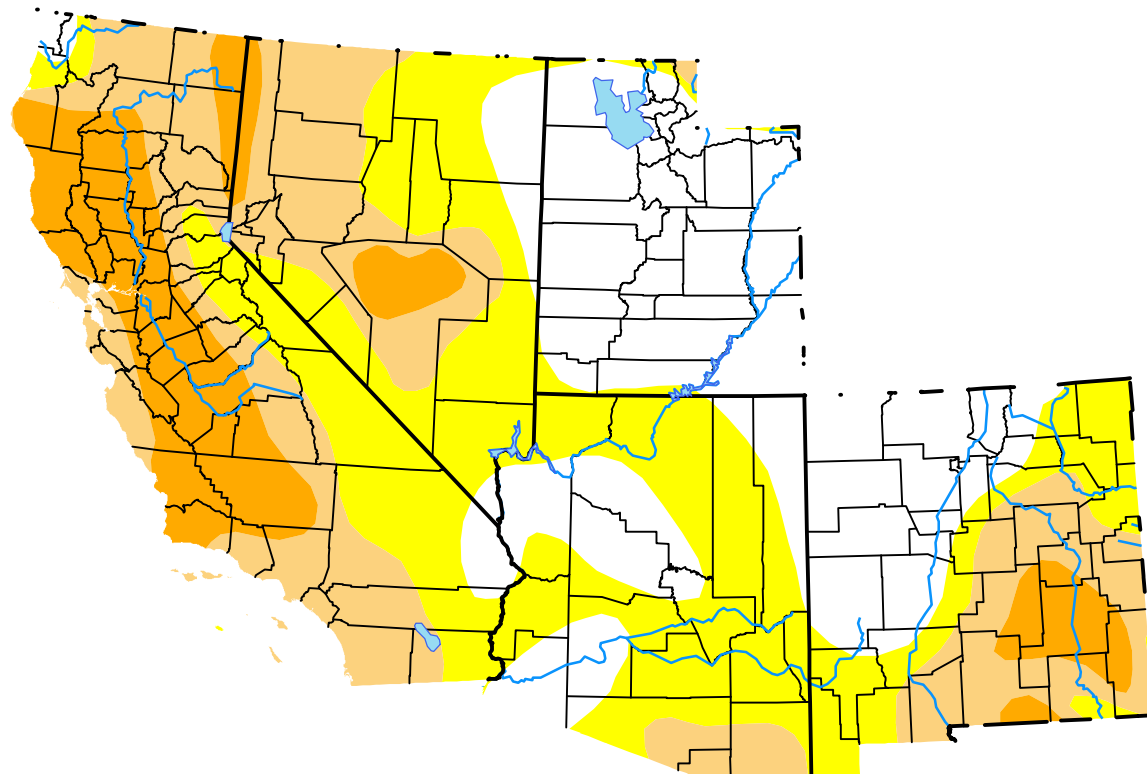


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	30.47	32.50	23.80	13.23	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-21-2009</i>	20.40	34.60	28.47	16.53	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-26-2009</i>	35.17	30.33	16.93	13.60	3.97	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>05-29-2008</i>	28.24	34.13	31.01	6.45	0.17	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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