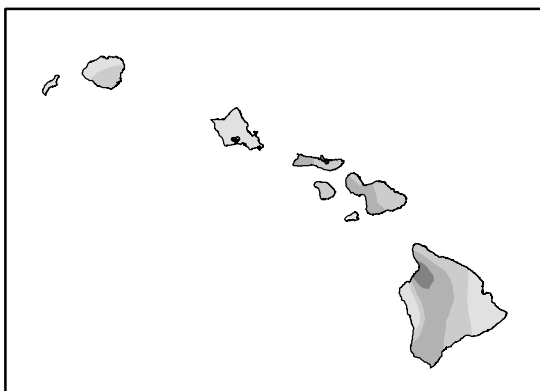
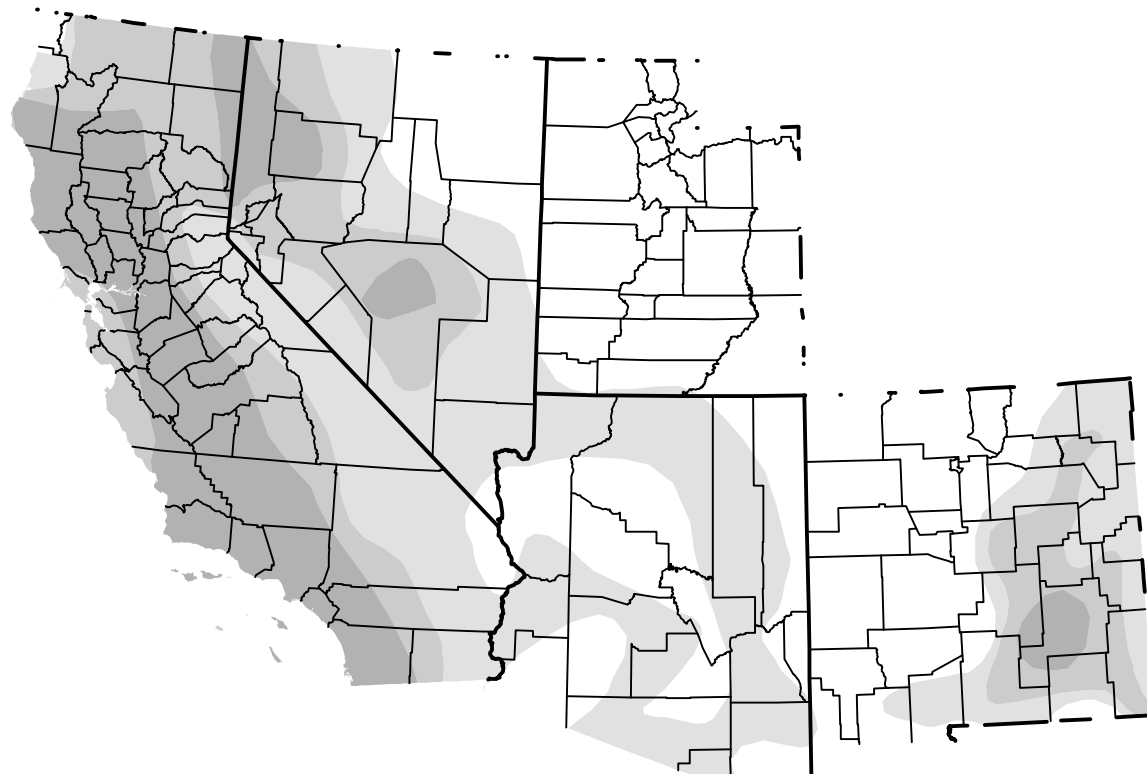


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	39.54	29.49	16.10	14.84	0.03	0.00
Last Week 07-02-2009	34.78	32.68	18.75	13.79	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-09-2009	28.59	33.56	23.93	13.87	0.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2009	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago 07-10-2008	22.18	24.25	38.67	12.01	2.81	0.08

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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