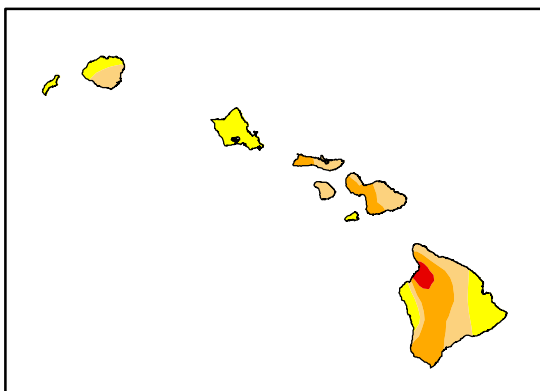
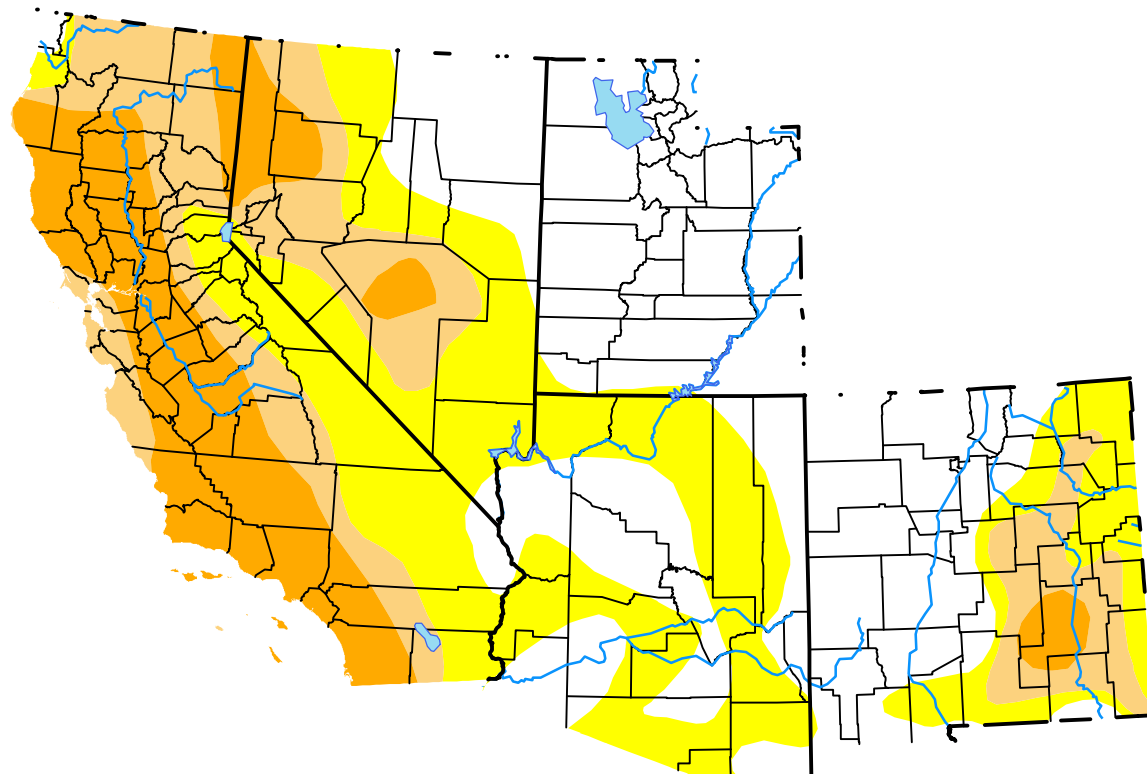


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	39.53	29.49	16.10	14.84	0.03	0.00
Last Week 07-16-2009	39.53	29.49	16.10	14.84	0.03	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-23-2009	15.70	44.48	24.69	15.13	0.00	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 07-24-2008	31.92	27.20	33.21	7.56	0.08	0.03

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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