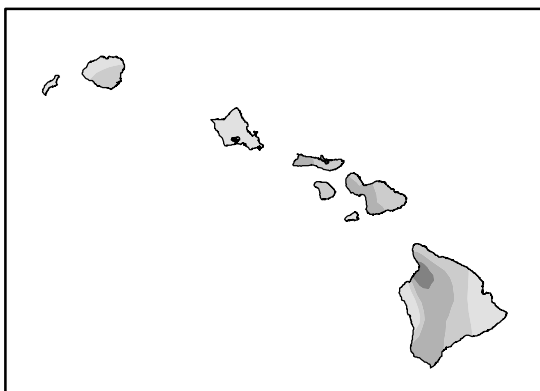
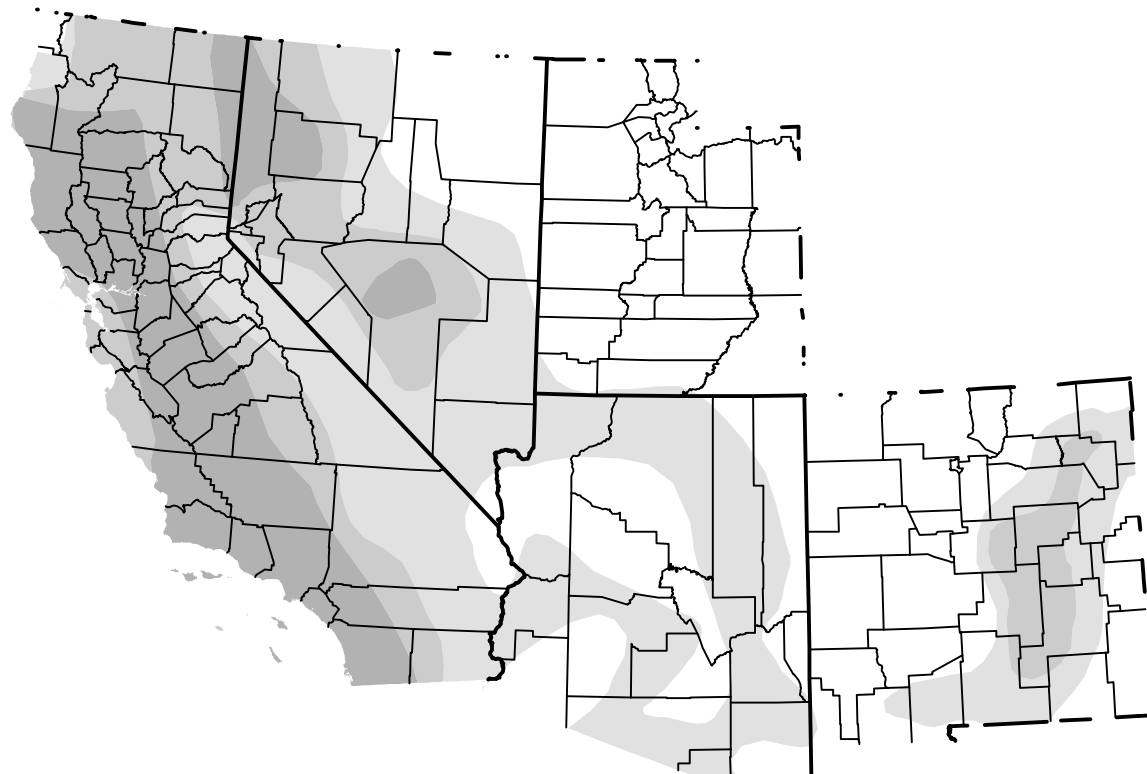


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.80	58.20	29.12	14.09	0.03	0.00
Last Week 07-23-2009	39.53	60.47	30.97	14.87	0.03	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-30-2009	17.05	82.95	38.65	15.13	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2009	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago 07-31-2008	37.92	62.08	41.85	15.01	0.11	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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