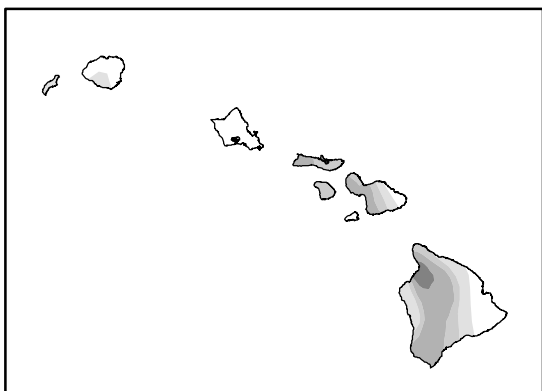
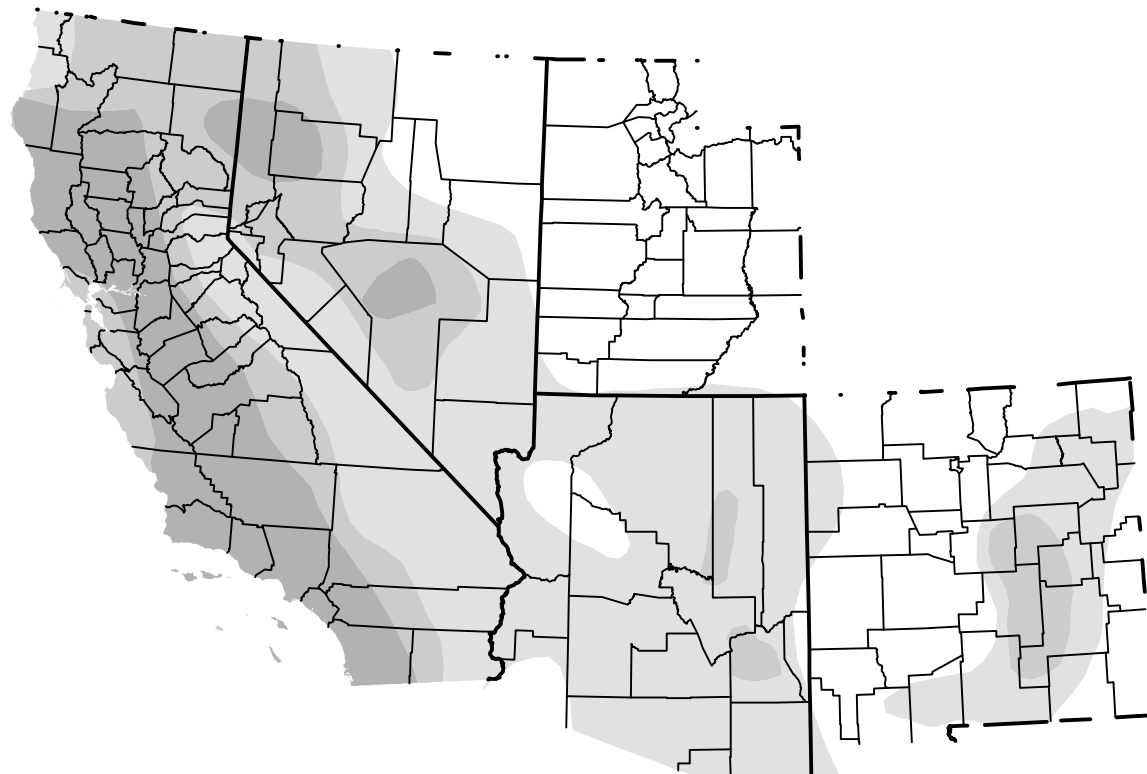


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	33.59	37.26	15.84	13.28	0.03	0.00
Last Week <i>08-13-2009</i>	33.59	38.03	15.05	13.29	0.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-21-2009</i>	20.40	34.60	28.47	16.53	0.00	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>08-21-2008</i>	39.96	18.19	26.59	15.17	0.08	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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