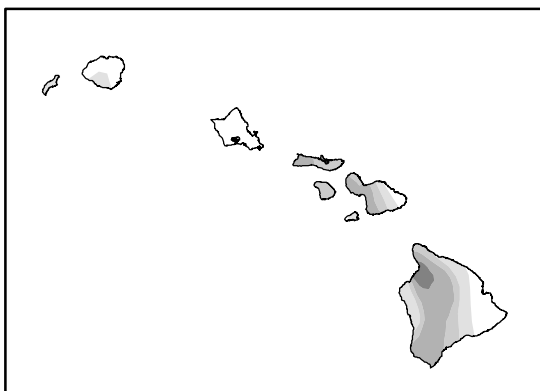
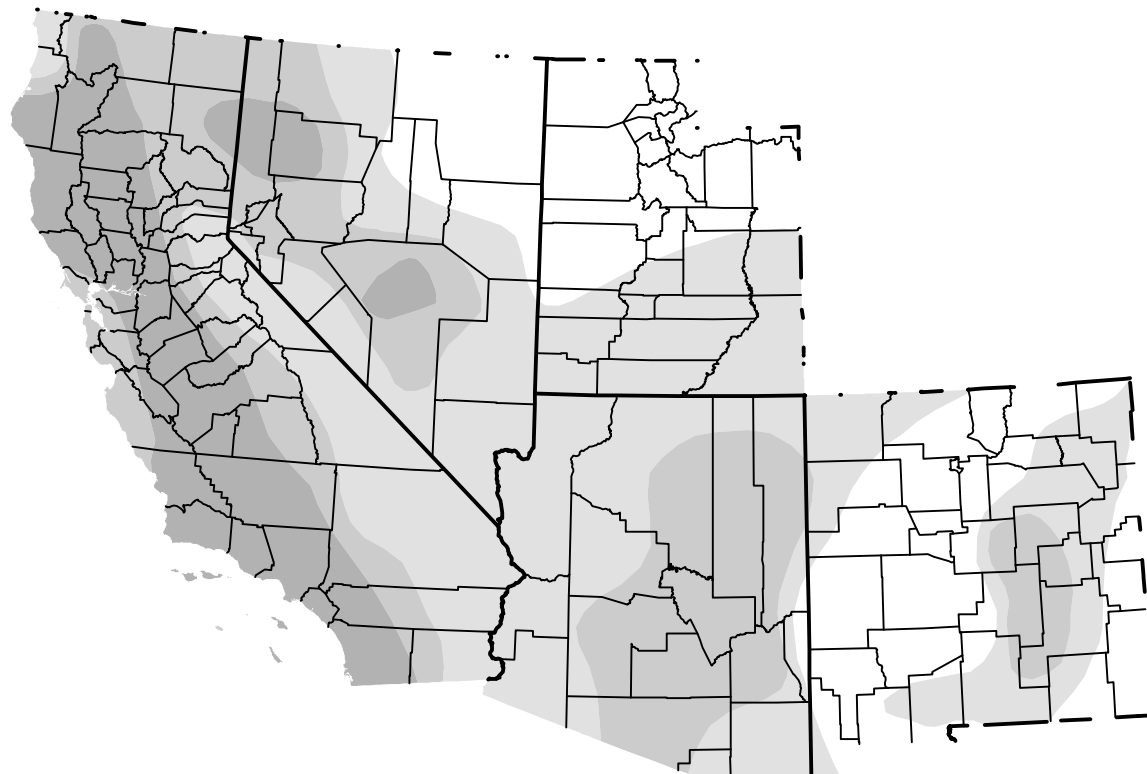


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.48	75.52	37.60	14.11	0.03	0.00
Last Week 08-27-2009	31.30	68.70	37.45	13.31	0.03	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-04-2009	30.58	69.42	37.10	15.73	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 09-04-2008	38.94	61.06	44.52	16.08	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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