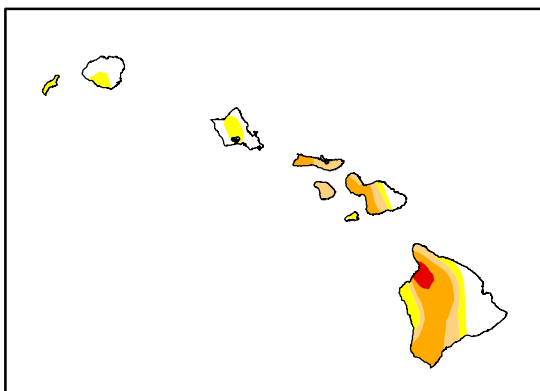
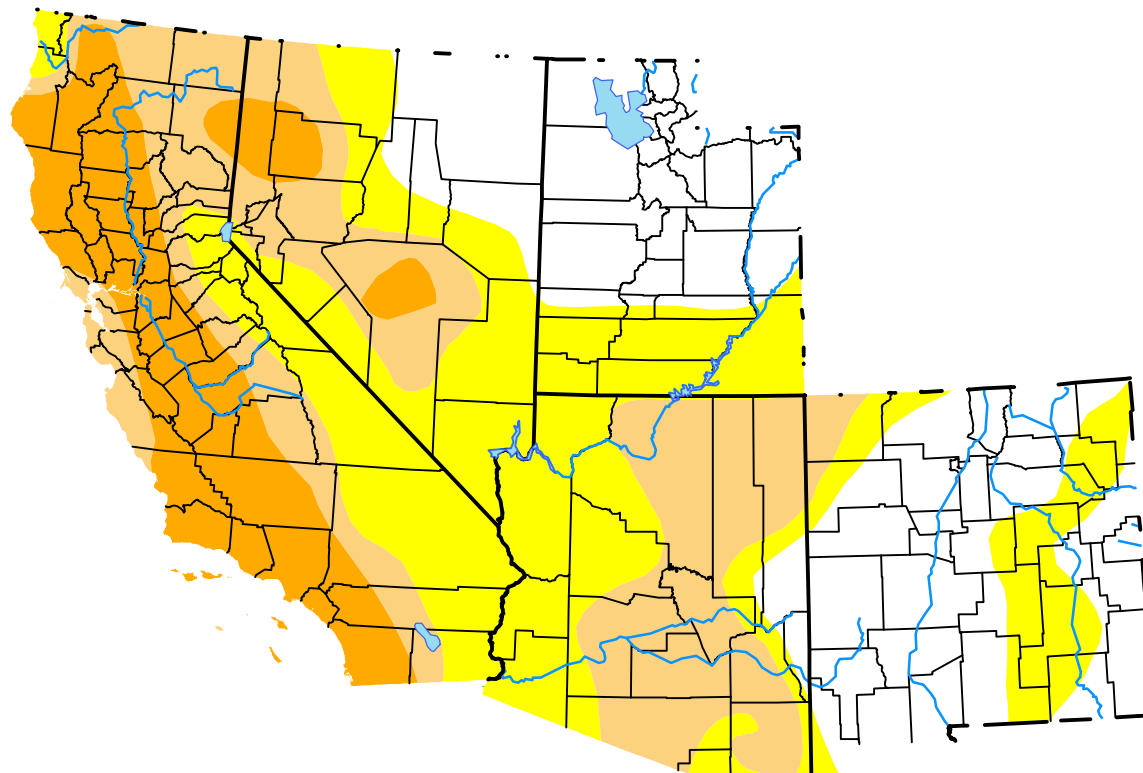


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	30.45	31.99	23.45	14.08	0.03	0.00
Last Week <i>09-17-2009</i>	26.17	33.48	26.24	14.08	0.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-25-2009</i>	33.91	30.87	20.33	14.89	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>09-25-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	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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