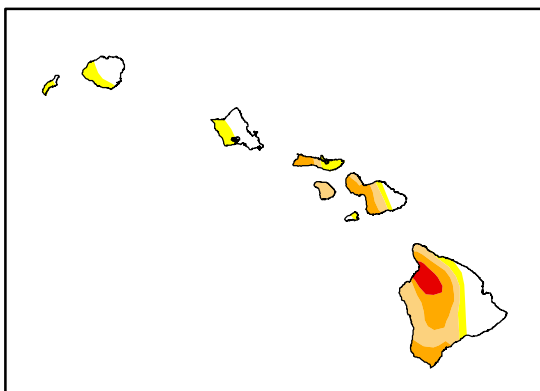
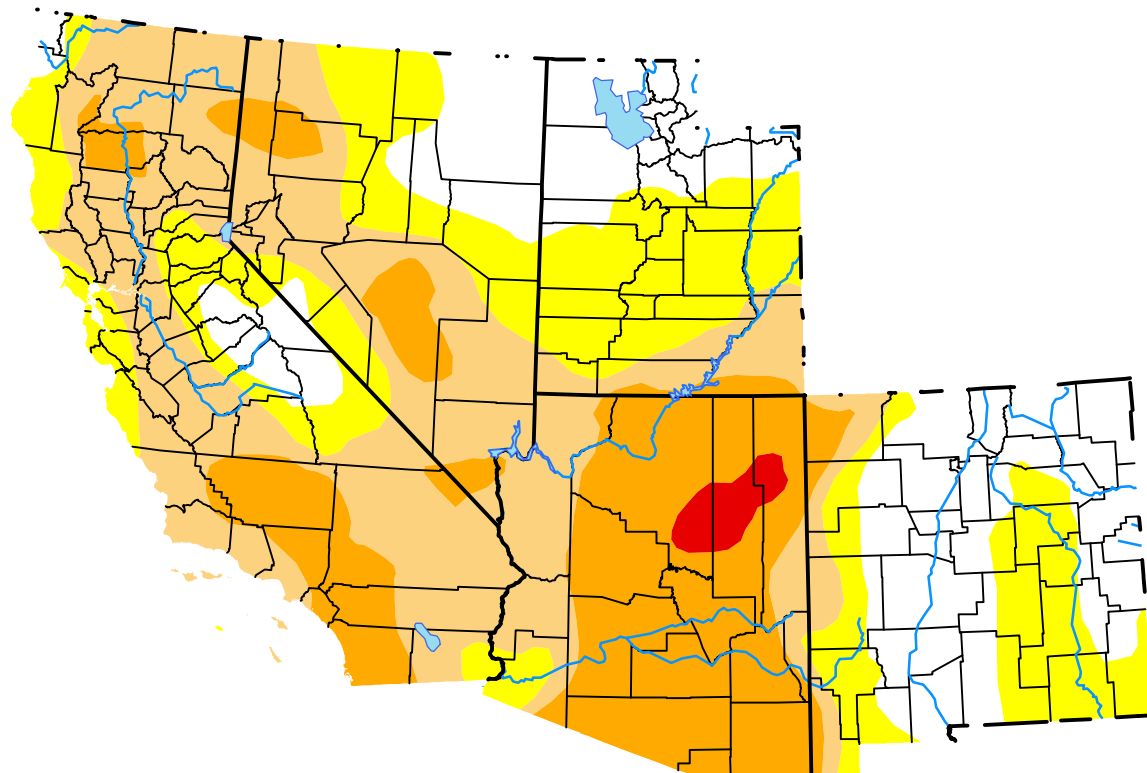


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.69	23.98	30.82	21.37	1.15	0.00
Last Week <i>11-25-2009</i>	23.57	23.36	30.54	21.44	1.09	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-03-2009</i>	24.48	37.91	23.49	14.08	0.03	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>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-04-2008</i>	25.93	32.25	24.99	16.71	0.12	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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