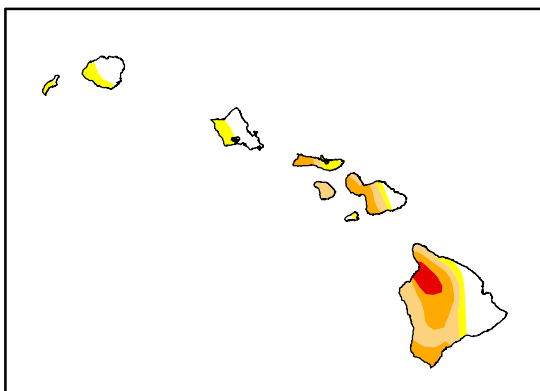
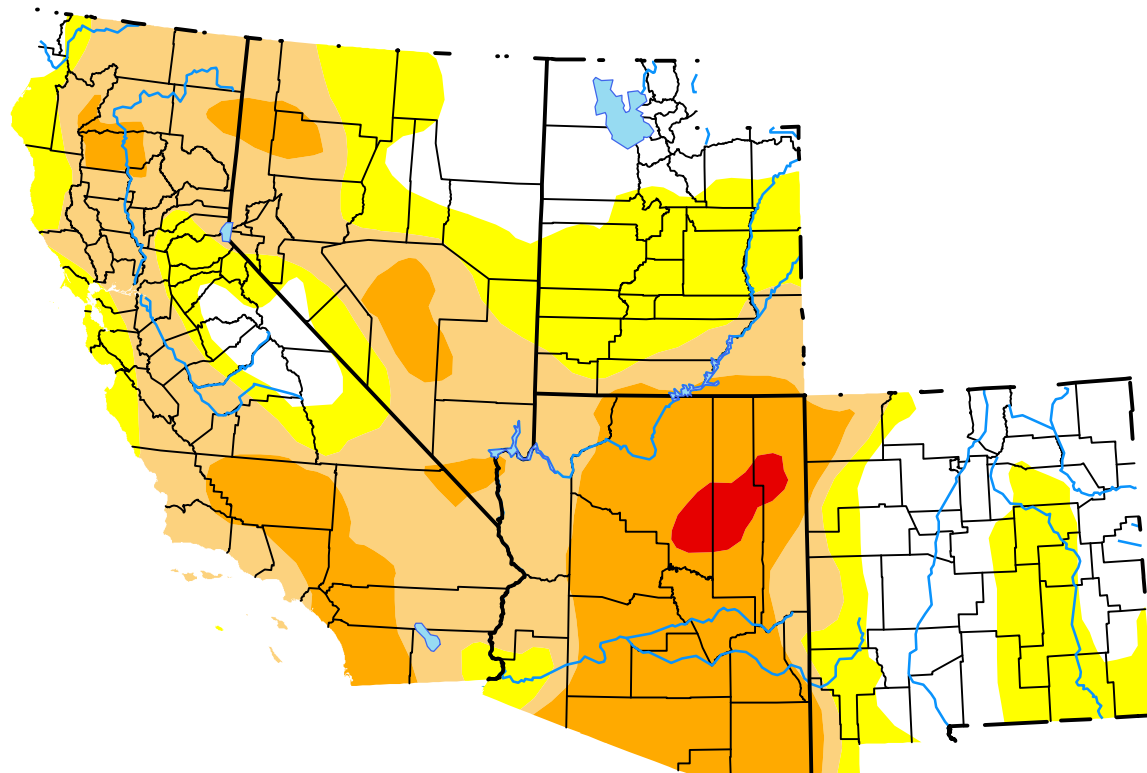


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.69	77.31	53.33	22.51	1.15	0.00
Last Week <i>12-03-2009</i>	22.69	77.31	53.33	22.51	1.15	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-10-2009</i>	24.02	75.98	40.94	14.11	0.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-11-2008</i>	25.93	74.07	42.19	19.37	0.97	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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