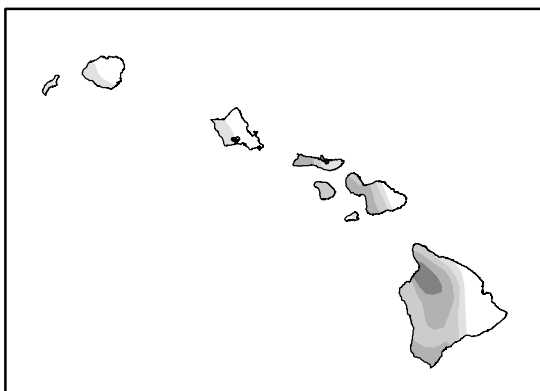
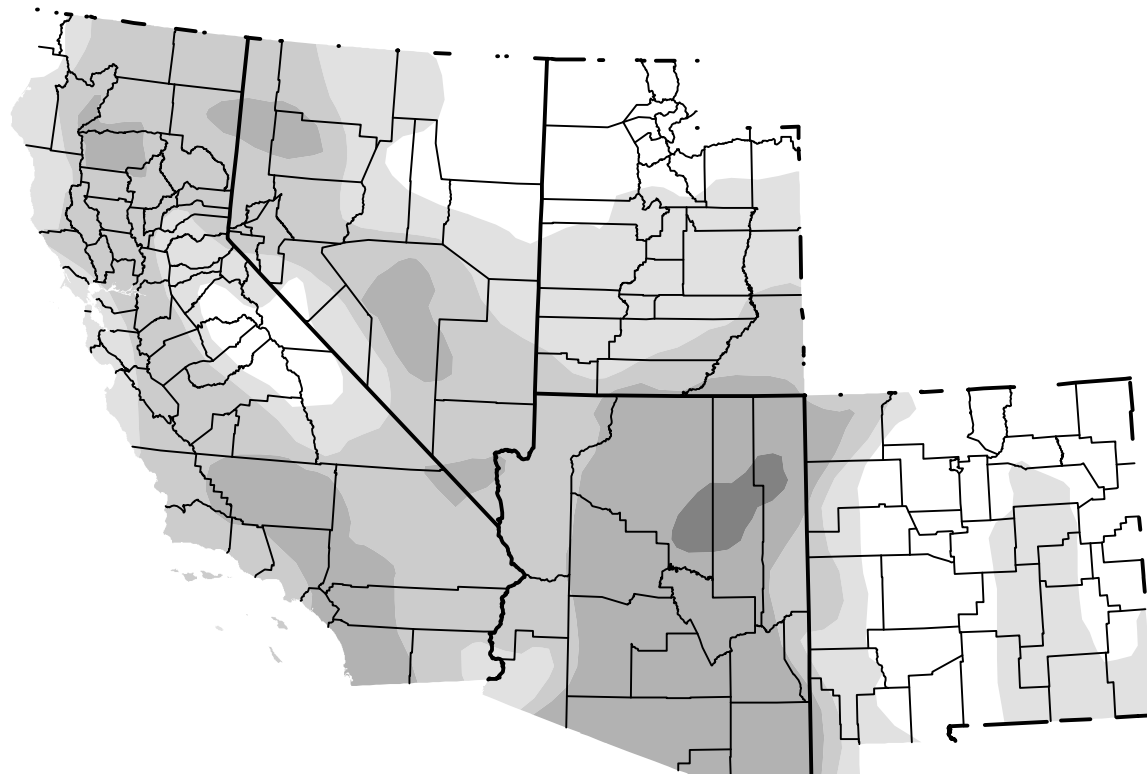


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 8, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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