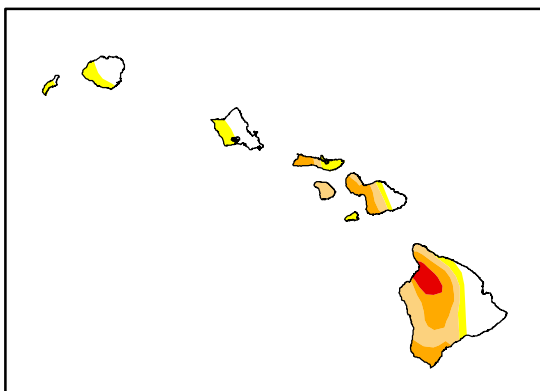
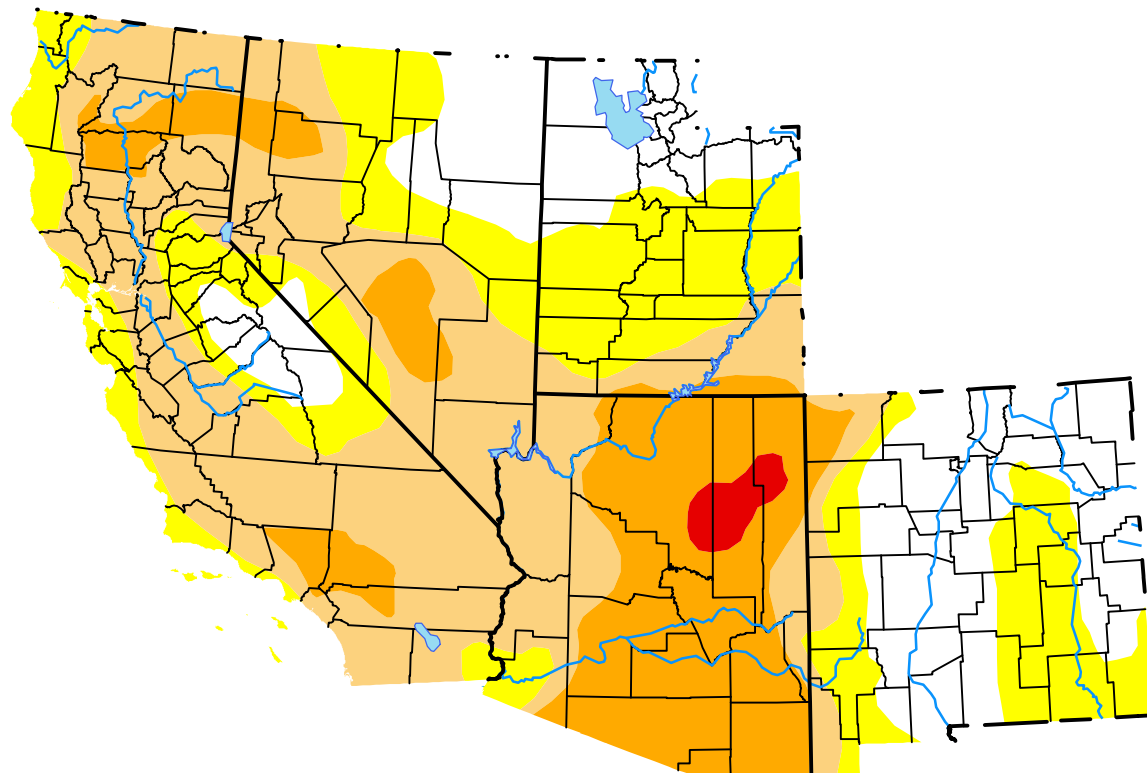


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.38	24.79	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Last Week 12-10-2009	22.69	23.98	30.82	21.37	1.15	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-17-2009	26.17	33.48	26.24	14.08	0.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2009	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2009	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago 12-18-2008	26.07	30.04	24.14	18.09	1.67	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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