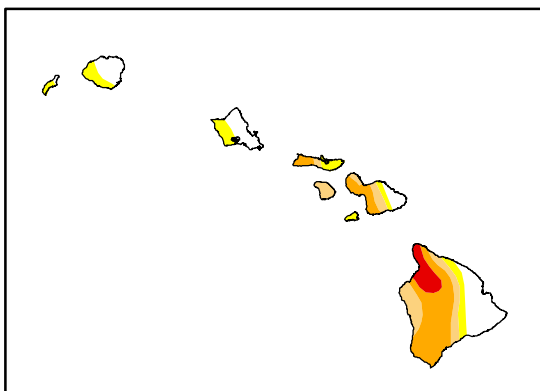
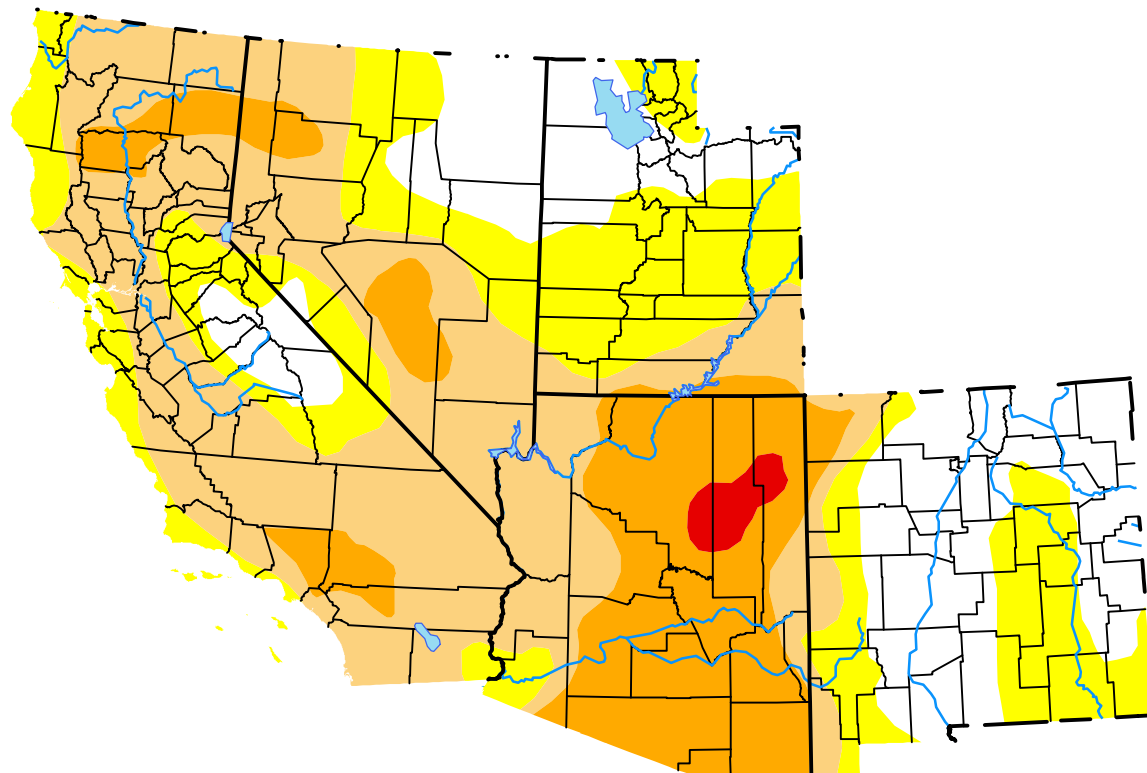


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.59	78.41	53.36	19.15	1.04	0.00
Last Week <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-08-2009</i>	29.51	70.49	43.34	16.17	0.07	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	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>01-08-2009</i>	35.86	64.14	42.19	17.04	0.82	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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