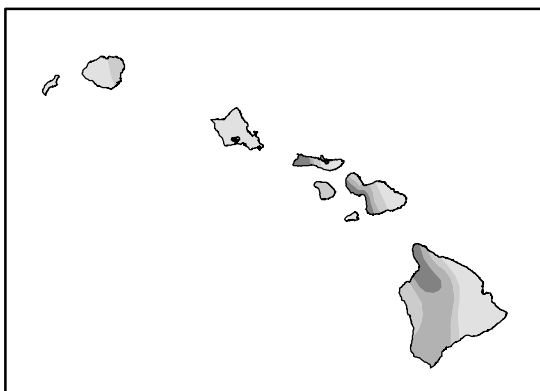
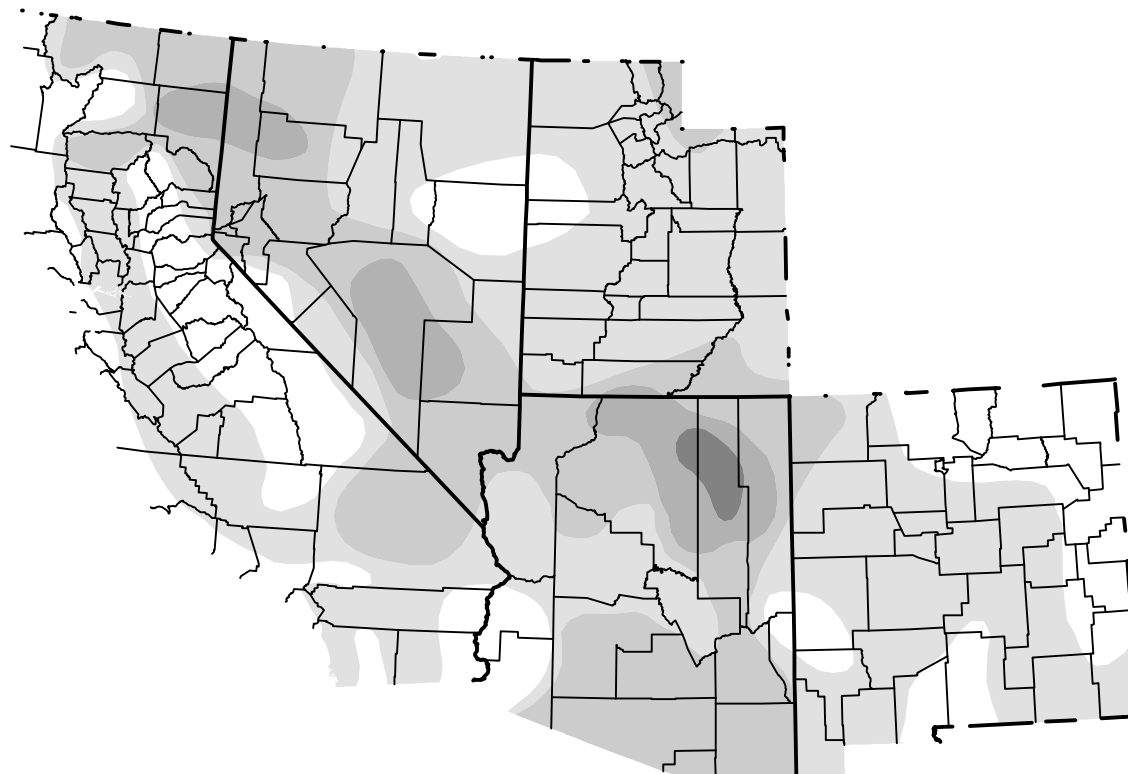


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.83	77.17	31.50	6.57	0.77	0.00
Last Week <i>01-21-2010</i>	10.61	89.39	53.03	26.78	1.94	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-29-2009</i>	33.47	66.53	41.64	17.13	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>01-29-2009</i>	33.62	66.38	41.81	19.07	4.29	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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