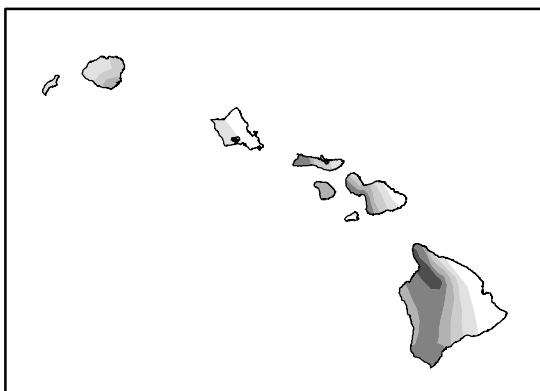
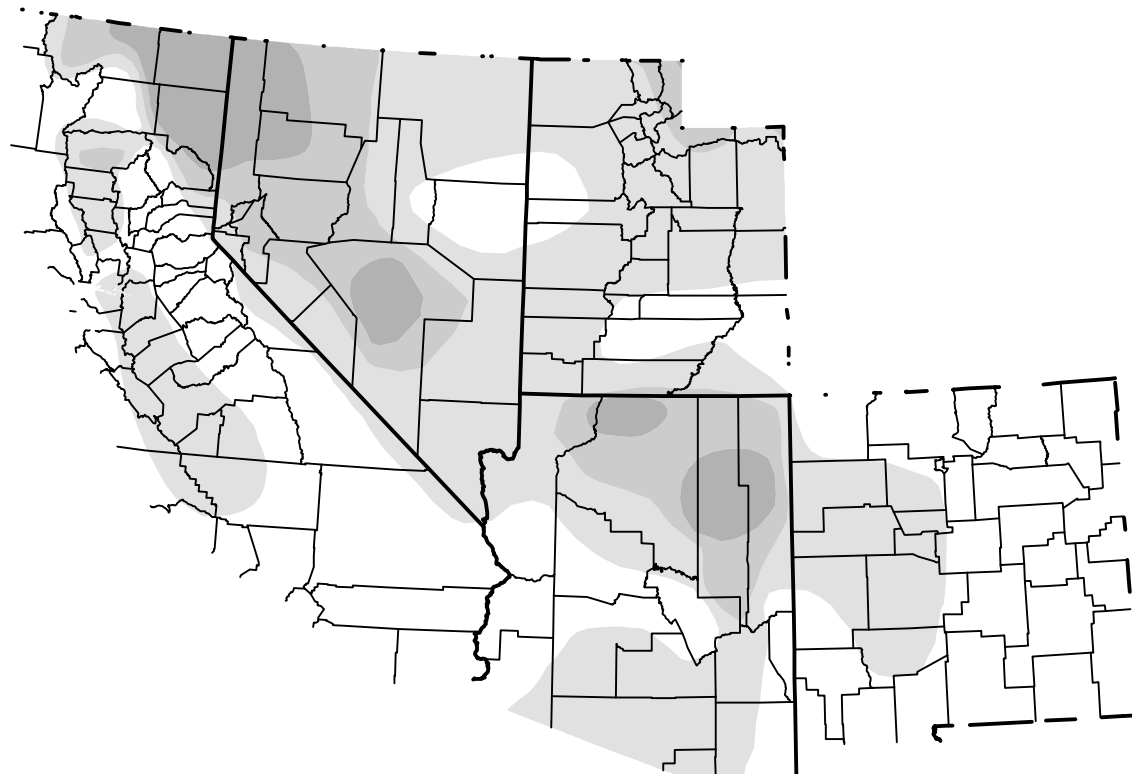


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.35	39.49	10.64	6.21	0.27	0.04
Last Week <i>03-11-2010</i>	40.58	39.05	13.45	6.61	0.24	0.07
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2009</i>	22.38	24.79	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2009</i>	30.70	34.88	25.99	8.39	0.04	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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