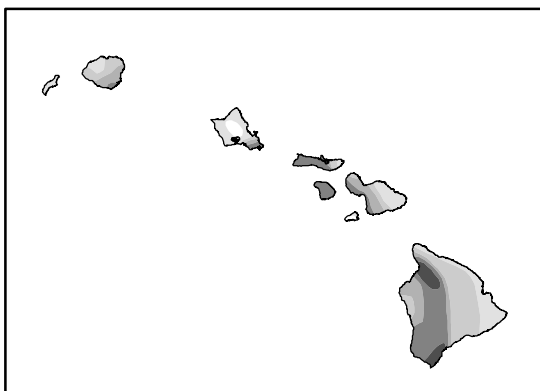
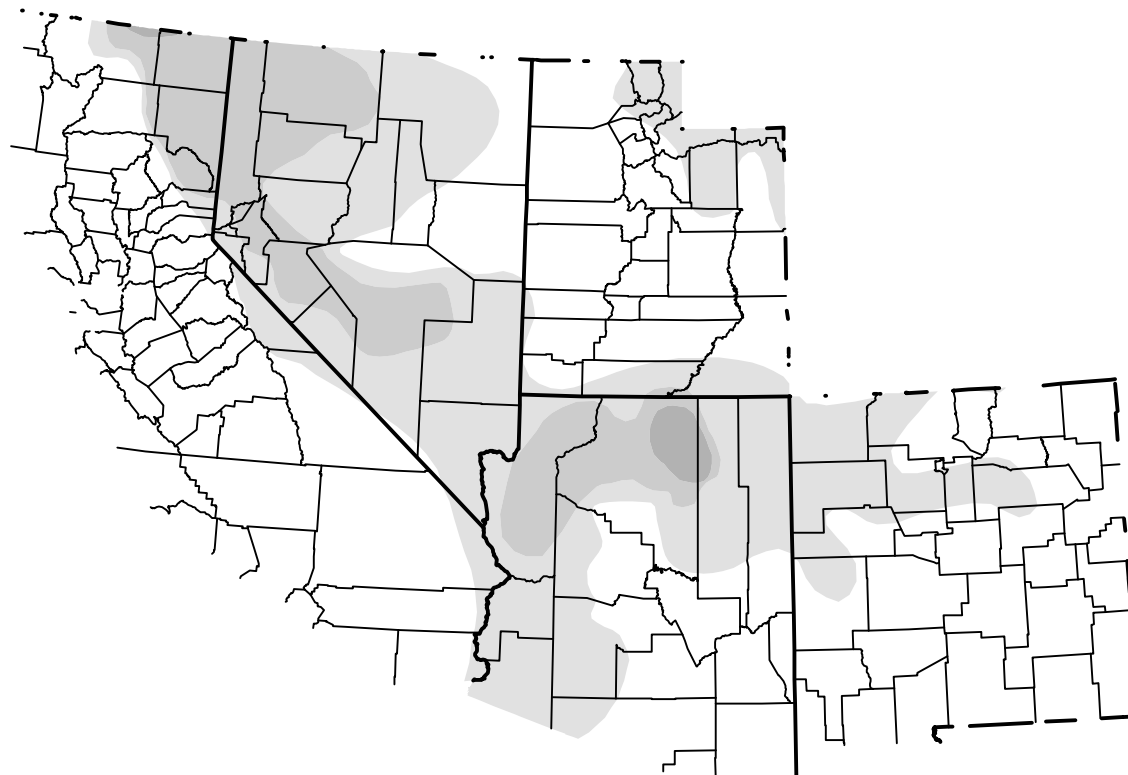


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 61.05 | 38.95 | 11.91 | 1.18  | 0.33  | 0.06 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-16-2010</i>              | 61.05 | 38.95 | 11.86 | 1.15  | 0.33  | 0.06 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-24-2010</i>           | 59.85 | 40.15 | 14.75 | 1.05  | 0.33  | 0.03 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2009</i> | 22.37 | 77.63 | 52.83 | 19.14 | 1.03  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2009</i>    | 30.31 | 69.69 | 38.16 | 14.12 | 0.07  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-24-2009</i>           | 30.45 | 69.55 | 37.57 | 14.11 | 0.03  | 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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