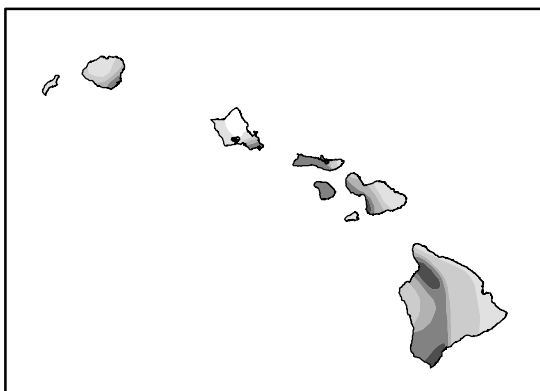
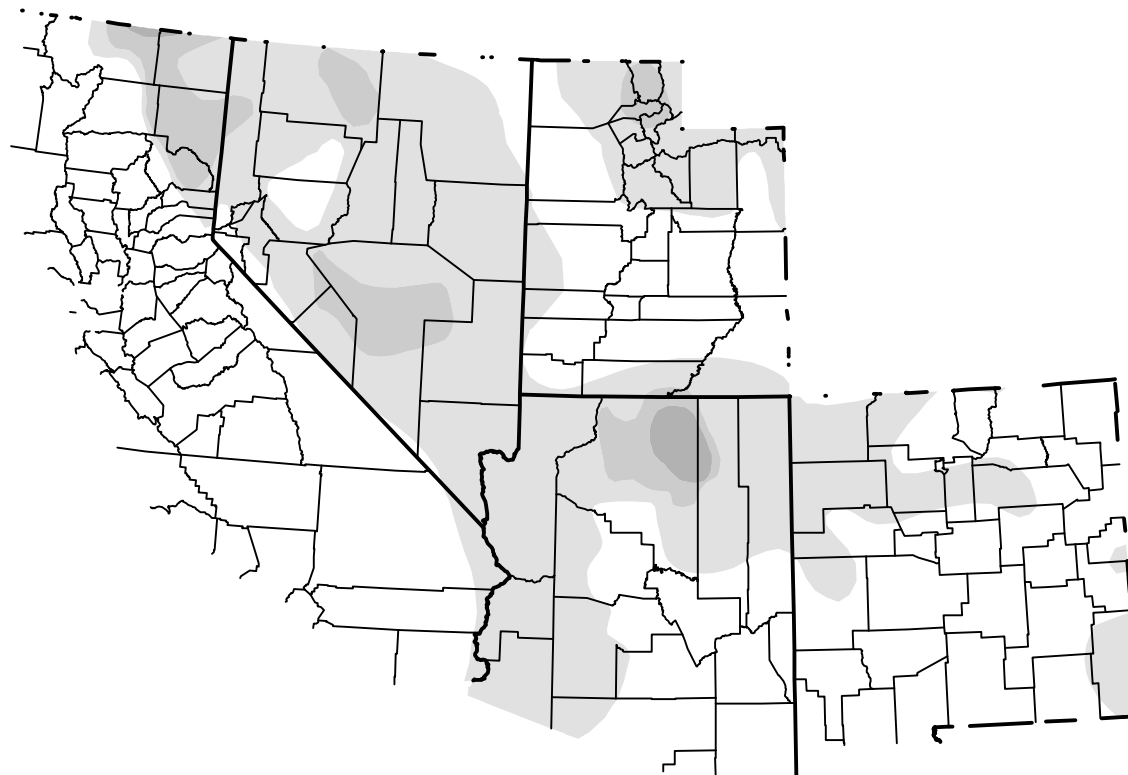


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 57.19 | 36.05 | 5.61  | 0.84  | 0.25 | 0.06 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-14-2010</i>              | 57.30 | 35.94 | 5.61  | 0.84  | 0.25 | 0.06 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-22-2010</i>           | 54.74 | 27.96 | 15.94 | 1.05  | 0.25 | 0.06 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2009</i> | 22.37 | 24.80 | 33.69 | 18.12 | 1.03 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2010</i>    | 55.50 | 32.14 | 11.18 | 0.84  | 0.28 | 0.06 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-22-2009</i>           | 30.52 | 28.42 | 23.79 | 17.20 | 0.07 | 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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