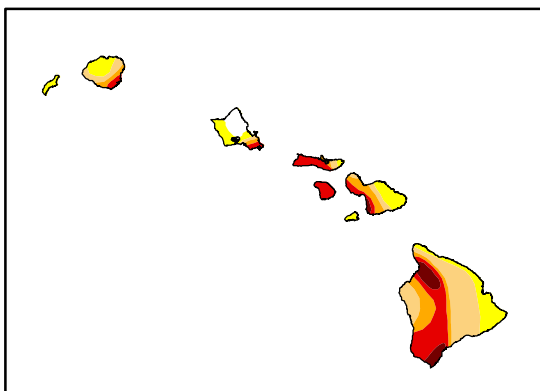
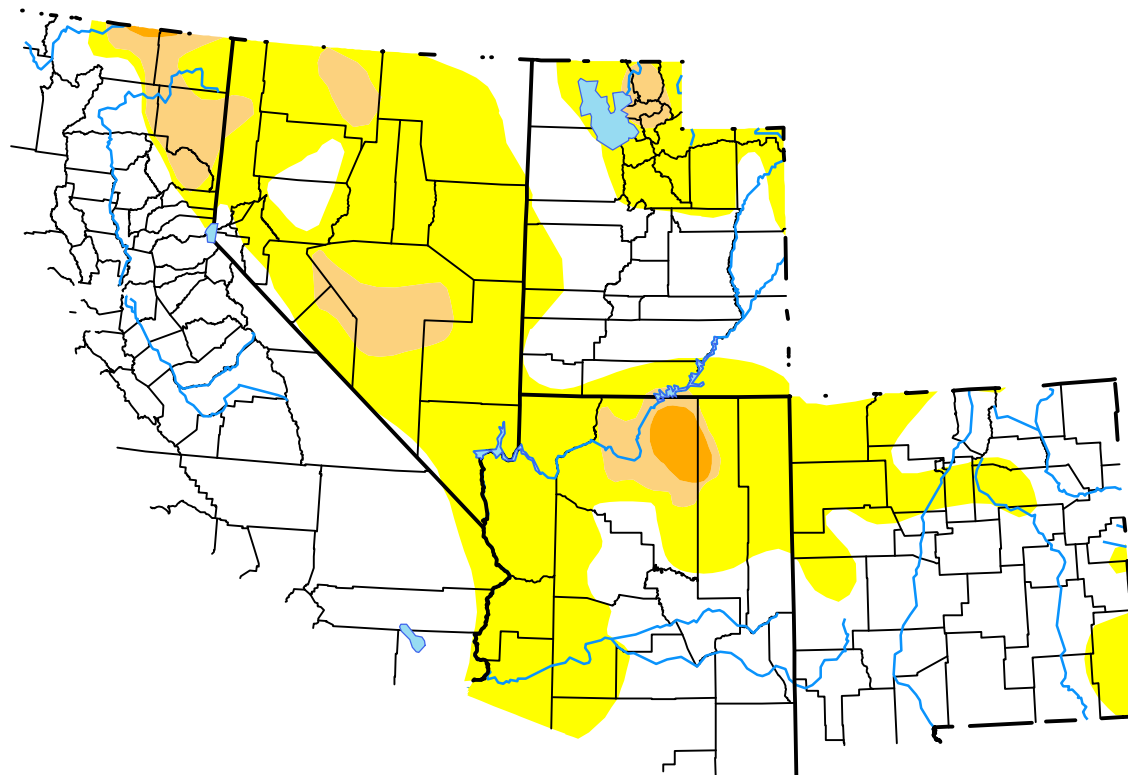


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.19	42.81	6.75	1.14	0.31	0.06
Last Week 10-14-2010	57.30	42.70	6.75	1.14	0.31	0.06
3 Months Ago 07-22-2010	54.74	45.26	17.30	1.35	0.31	0.06
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2010	55.50	44.50	12.36	1.18	0.34	0.06
One Year Ago 10-22-2009	30.52	69.48	41.06	17.27	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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