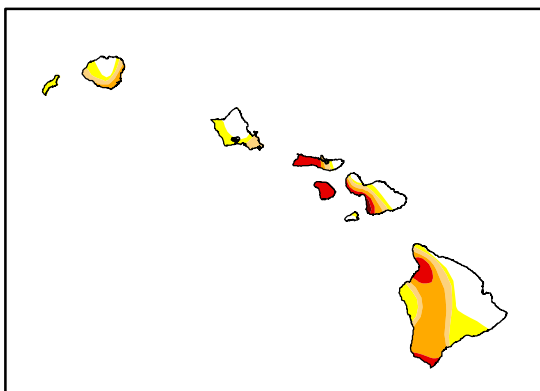
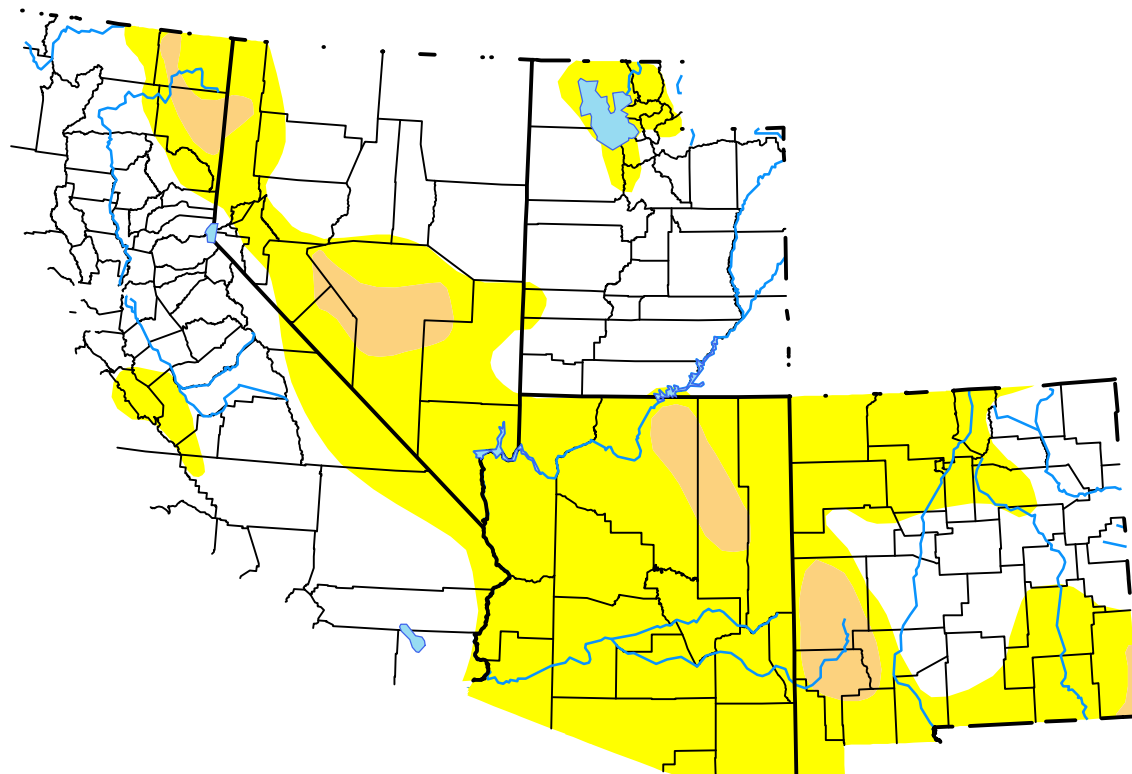


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.47	42.86	5.31	0.25	0.11	0.00
Last Week <i>12-01-2010</i>	67.55	28.21	3.85	0.23	0.14	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>09-09-2010</i>	61.05	28.26	9.54	0.82	0.27	0.06
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>09-30-2010</i>	55.50	32.14	11.18	0.84	0.28	0.06
One Year Ago <i>12-10-2009</i>	22.69	23.98	30.82	21.37	1.15	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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