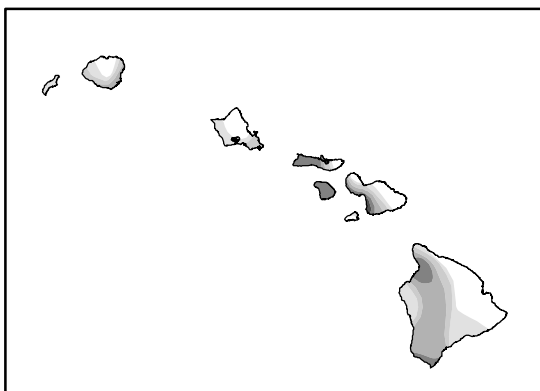
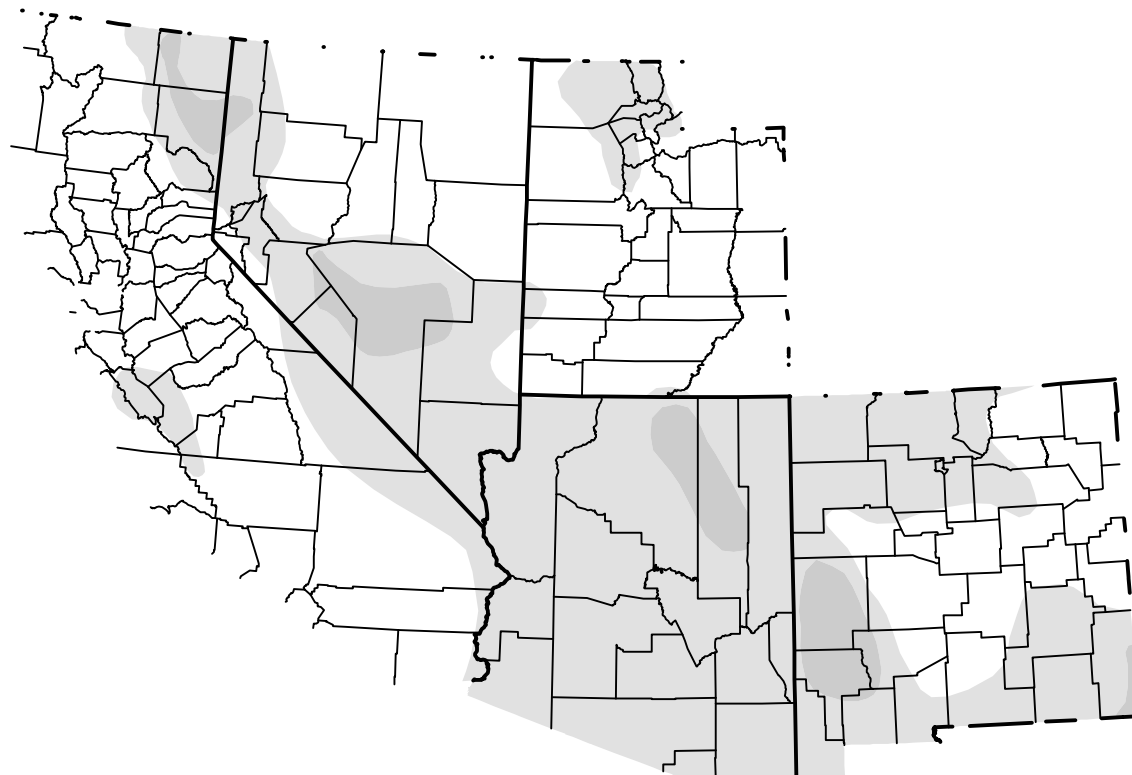


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.47	48.53	5.67	0.36	0.11	0.00
Last Week 12-01-2010	67.55	32.45	4.24	0.38	0.15	0.01
3 Months Ago 09-09-2010	61.05	38.95	10.69	1.15	0.33	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 12-10-2009	22.69	77.31	53.33	22.51	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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