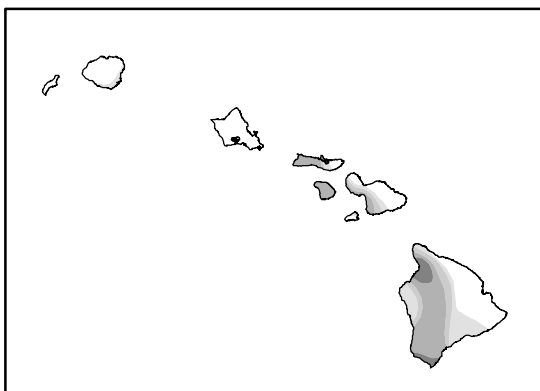
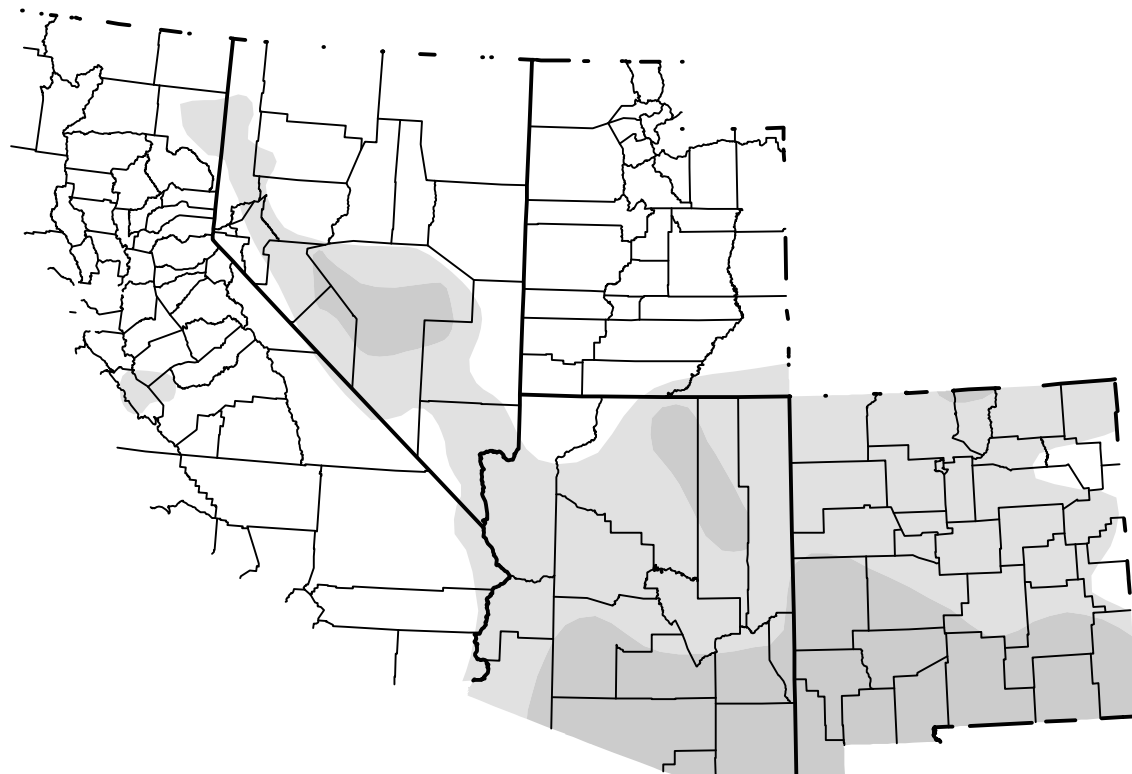


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	53.41	29.47	16.80	0.28	0.05	0.00
Last Week 12-16-2010	46.66	42.61	10.38	0.24	0.11	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-23-2010	61.05	27.04	10.73	0.85	0.28	0.06
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2010	55.50	32.14	11.18	0.84	0.28	0.06
One Year Ago 12-24-2009	22.38	24.79	33.69	18.12	1.03	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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