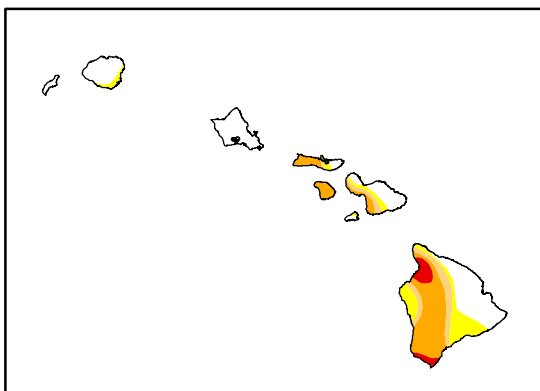
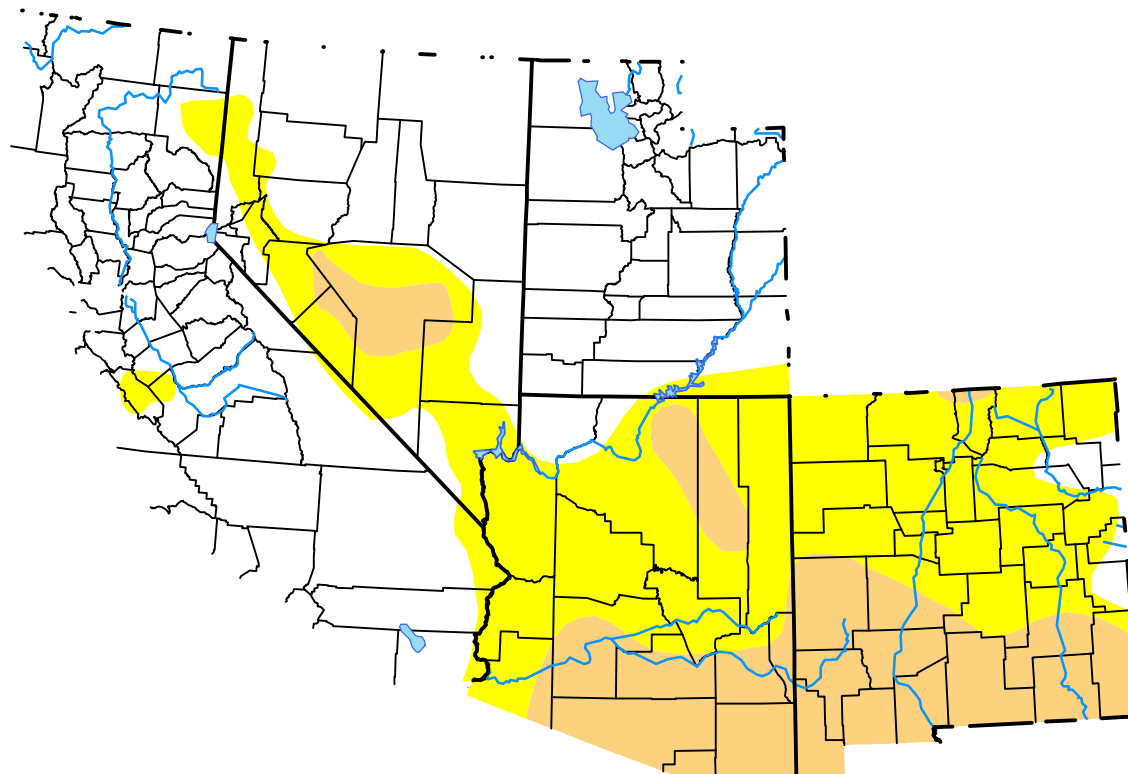


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.41	46.59	17.12	0.33	0.05	0.00
Last Week 12-16-2010	46.66	53.34	10.73	0.35	0.11	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-23-2010	61.05	38.95	11.91	1.18	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 12-24-2009	22.38	77.62	52.83	19.14	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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