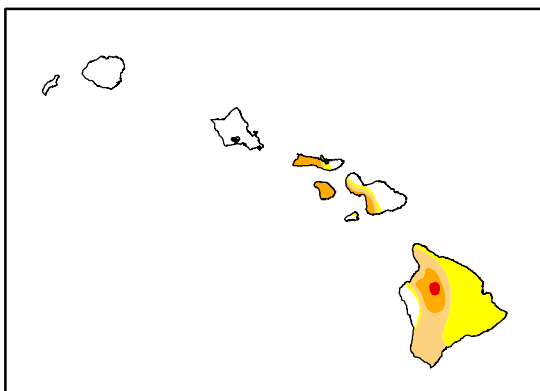
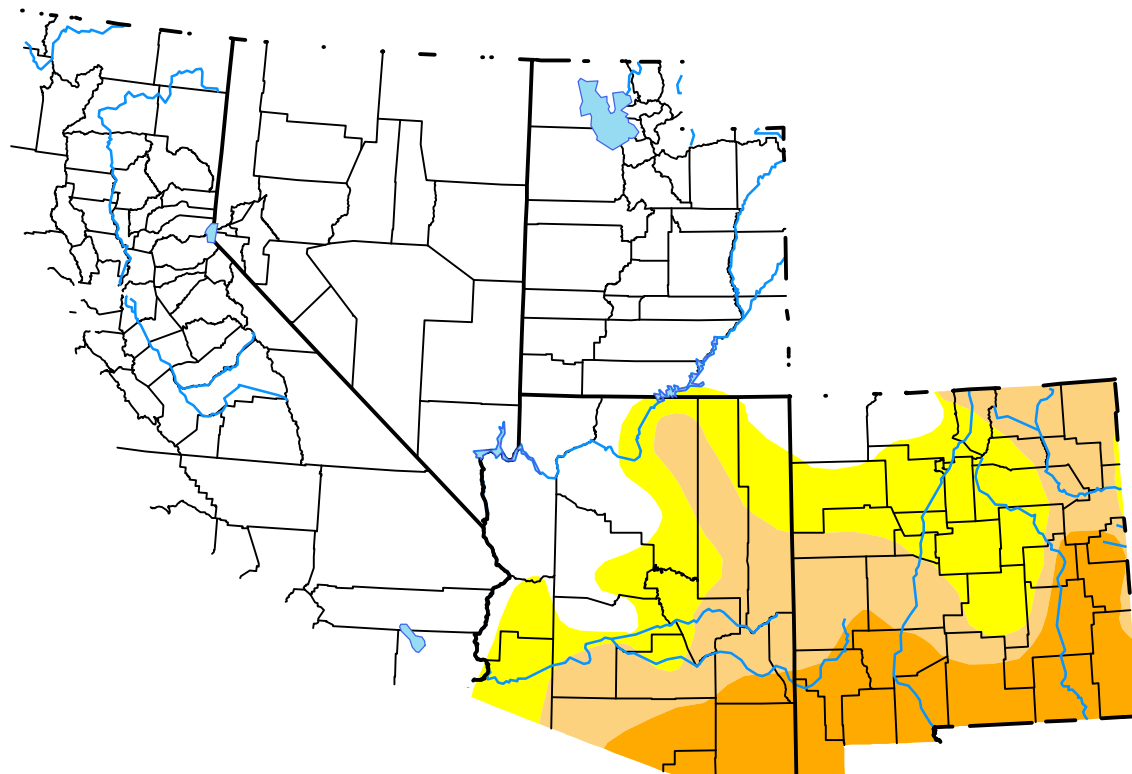


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.74	11.98	11.92	9.35	0.01	0.00
Last Week <i>02-17-2011</i>	60.74	20.25	11.79	7.21	0.01	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-25-2010</i>	65.80	30.08	3.73	0.23	0.14	0.01
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	65.37	19.78	14.67	0.15	0.03	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>02-25-2010</i>	34.57	40.28	18.21	6.80	0.14	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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