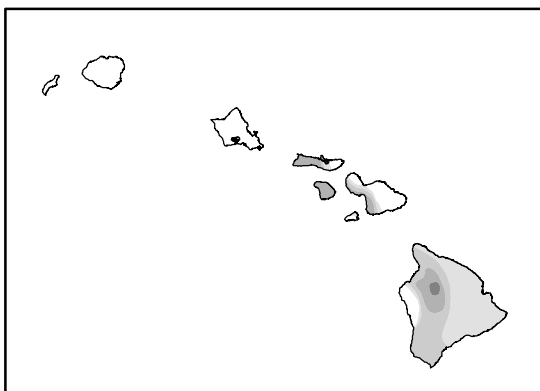
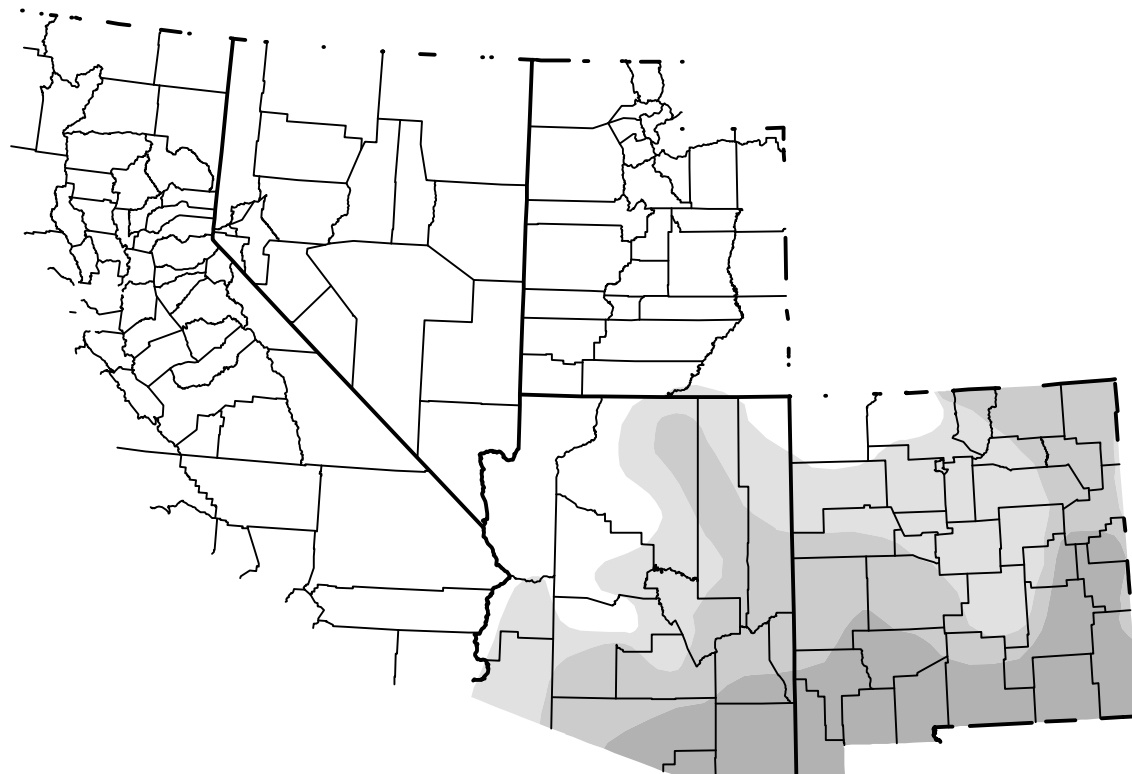


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.74	33.26	21.28	9.36	0.01	0.00
Last Week 02-17-2011	60.74	39.26	19.01	7.22	0.01	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-25-2010	65.80	34.20	4.11	0.38	0.15	0.01
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2011	65.37	34.63	14.85	0.18	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2010	55.50	44.50	12.36	1.18	0.34	0.06
One Year Ago 02-25-2010	34.57	65.43	25.15	6.94	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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