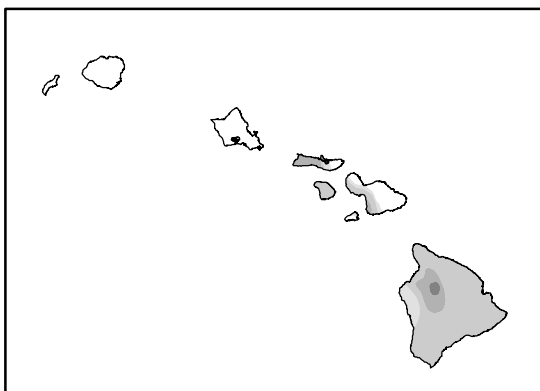
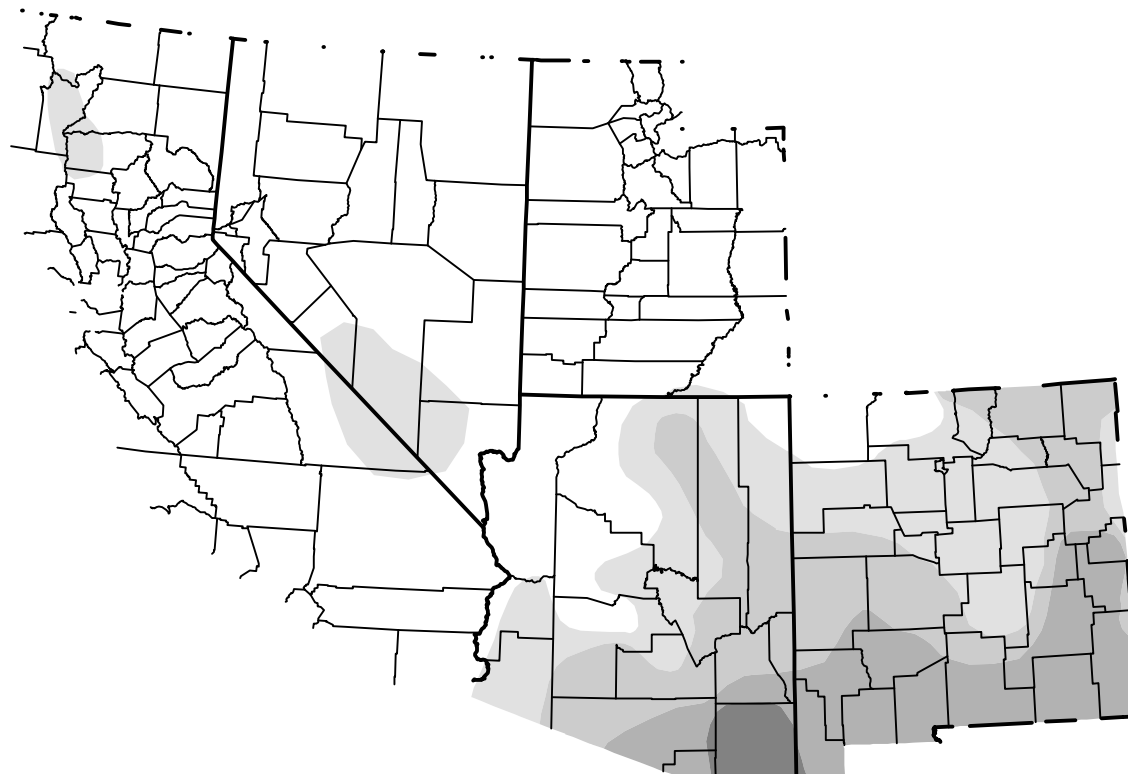


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	63.33	15.36	11.99	8.21	1.12	0.00
Last Week <i>03-03-2011</i>	66.70	11.70	12.27	9.31	0.01	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-09-2010</i>	51.47	42.86	5.31	0.25	0.11	0.00
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>03-11-2010</i>	40.58	39.05	13.45	6.61	0.24	0.07

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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