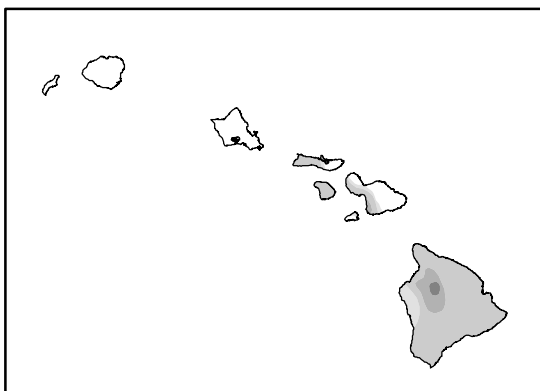
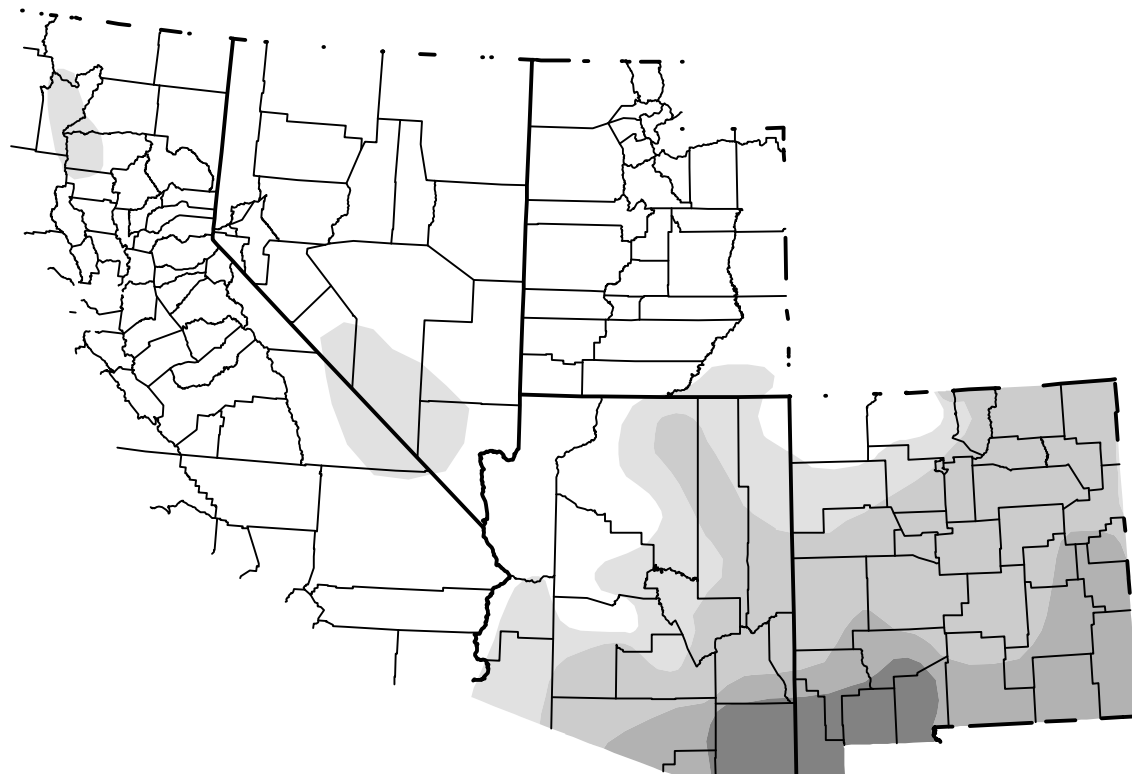


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 62.87 | 11.44 | 16.28 | 6.36 | 3.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-10-2011</i>              | 63.33 | 15.36 | 11.99 | 8.21 | 1.12 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2010</i>           | 46.66 | 42.61 | 10.38 | 0.24 | 0.11 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i> | 65.37 | 19.78 | 14.67 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2010</i>    | 55.50 | 32.14 | 11.18 | 0.84 | 0.28 | 0.06 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-18-2010</i>           | 43.35 | 39.49 | 10.64 | 6.21 | 0.27 | 0.04 |

### 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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