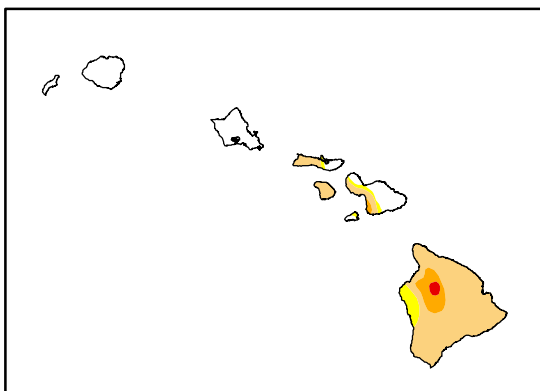
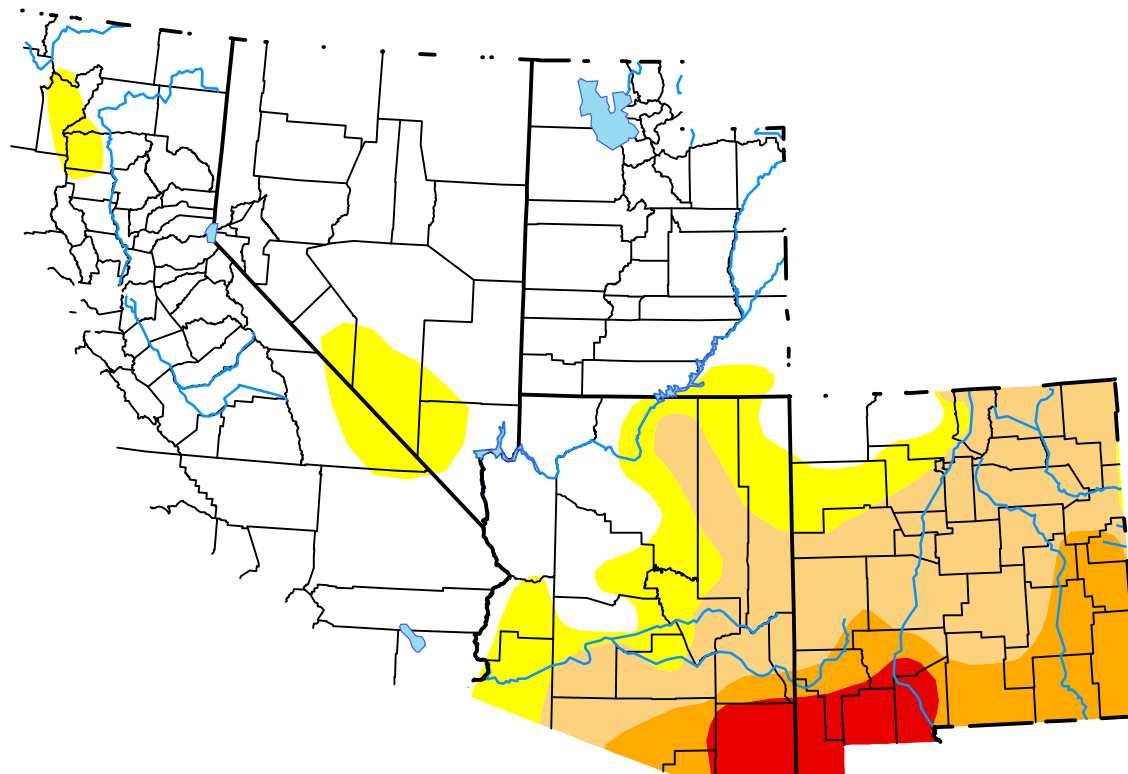


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.87	37.13	25.69	9.41	3.04	0.00
Last Week <i>03-10-2011</i>	63.33	36.67	21.31	9.32	1.12	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2010</i>	46.66	53.34	10.73	0.35	0.11	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	65.37	34.63	14.85	0.18	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2010</i>	55.50	44.50	12.36	1.18	0.34	0.06
One Year Ago <i>03-18-2010</i>	43.35	56.65	17.16	6.52	0.31	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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