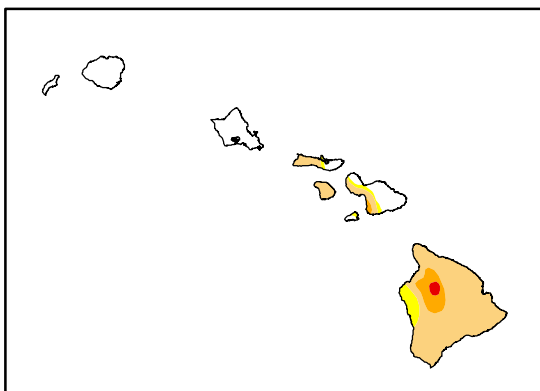
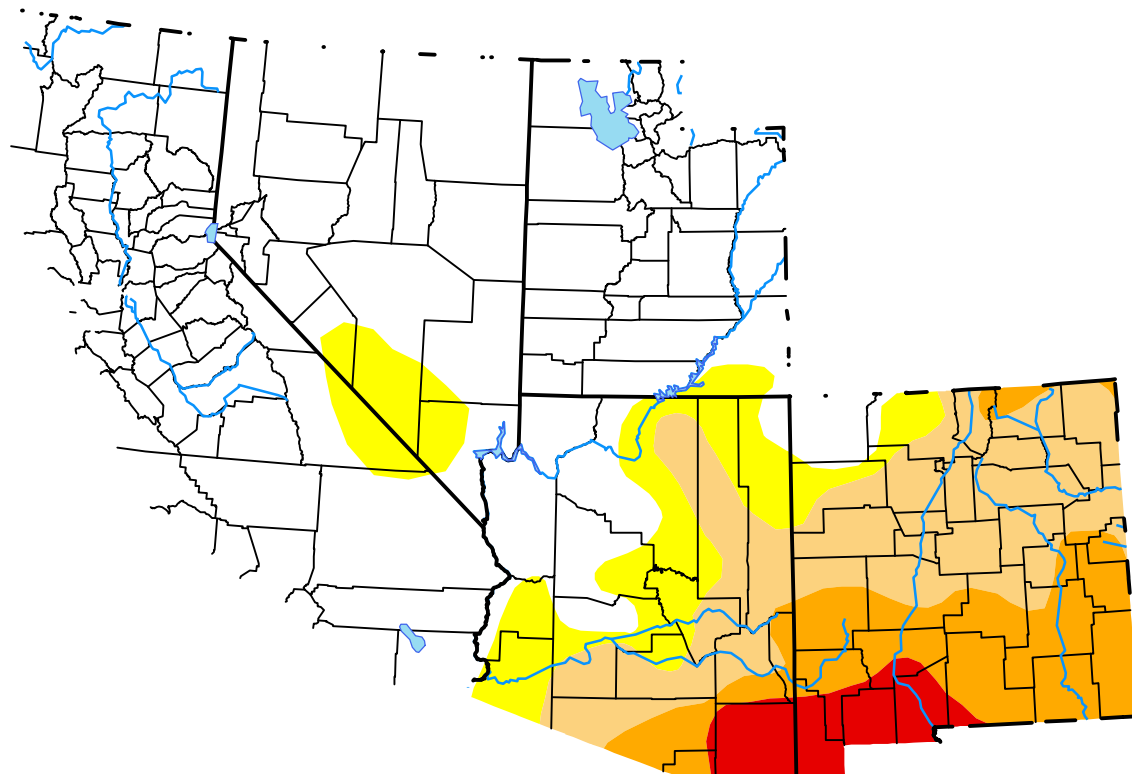


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	63.10	10.07	14.70	8.90	3.23	0.00
Last Week <i>03-17-2011</i>	62.87	11.44	16.28	6.36	3.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-23-2010</i>	53.41	29.47	16.80	0.28	0.05	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>03-25-2010</i>	46.95	36.81	10.14	5.80	0.26	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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