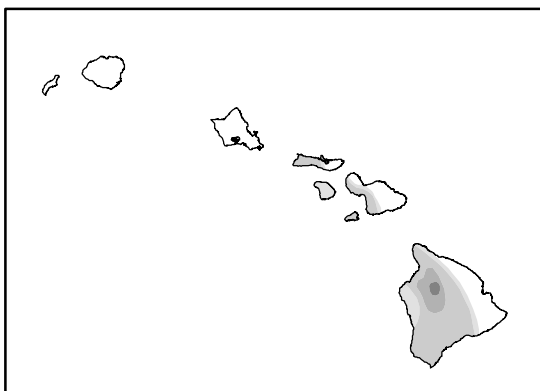
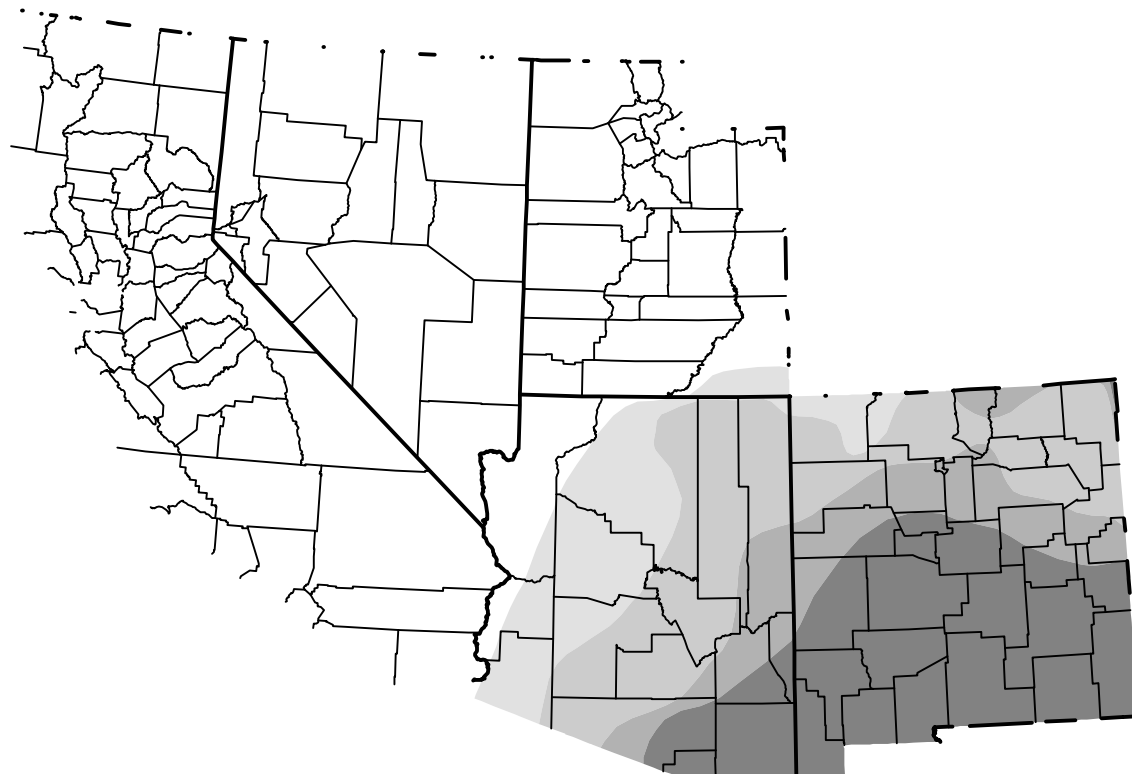


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.04	37.96	31.29	19.57	13.61	0.00
Last Week 04-21-2011	64.28	35.72	29.21	19.57	8.92	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-27-2011	68.65	31.35	16.84	3.23	0.03	0.00
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 04-29-2010	53.65	46.35	13.79	4.55	0.27	0.03

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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