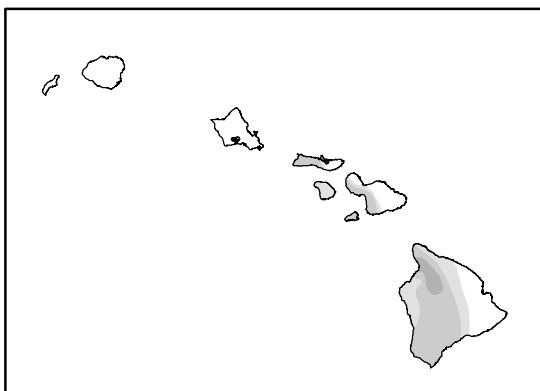
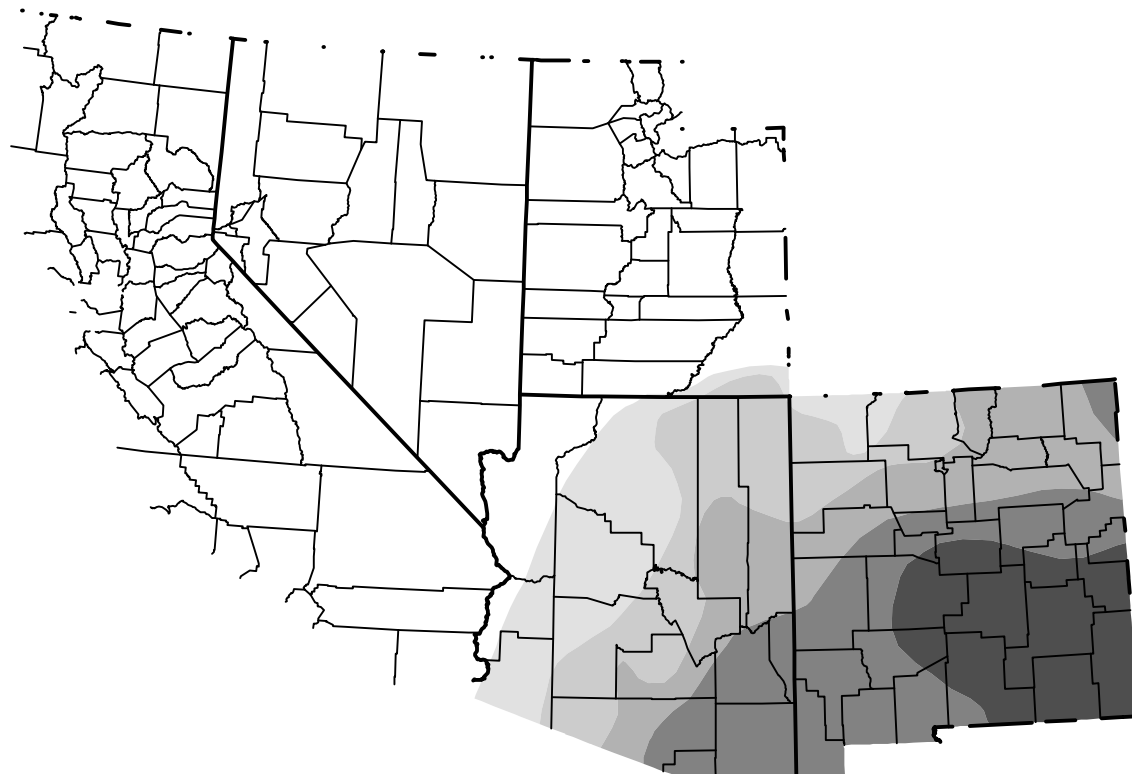


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	61.97	6.49	7.61	7.75	9.71	6.46
Last Week <i>05-12-2011</i>	61.97	6.80	7.31	8.48	9.29	6.15
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2011</i>	60.74	20.25	11.79	7.21	0.01	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>05-20-2010</i>	62.58	23.99	8.93	4.23	0.24	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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