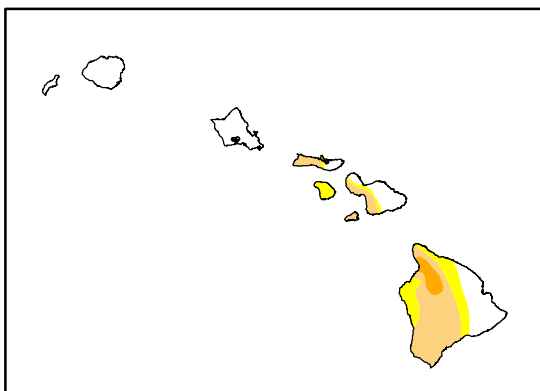
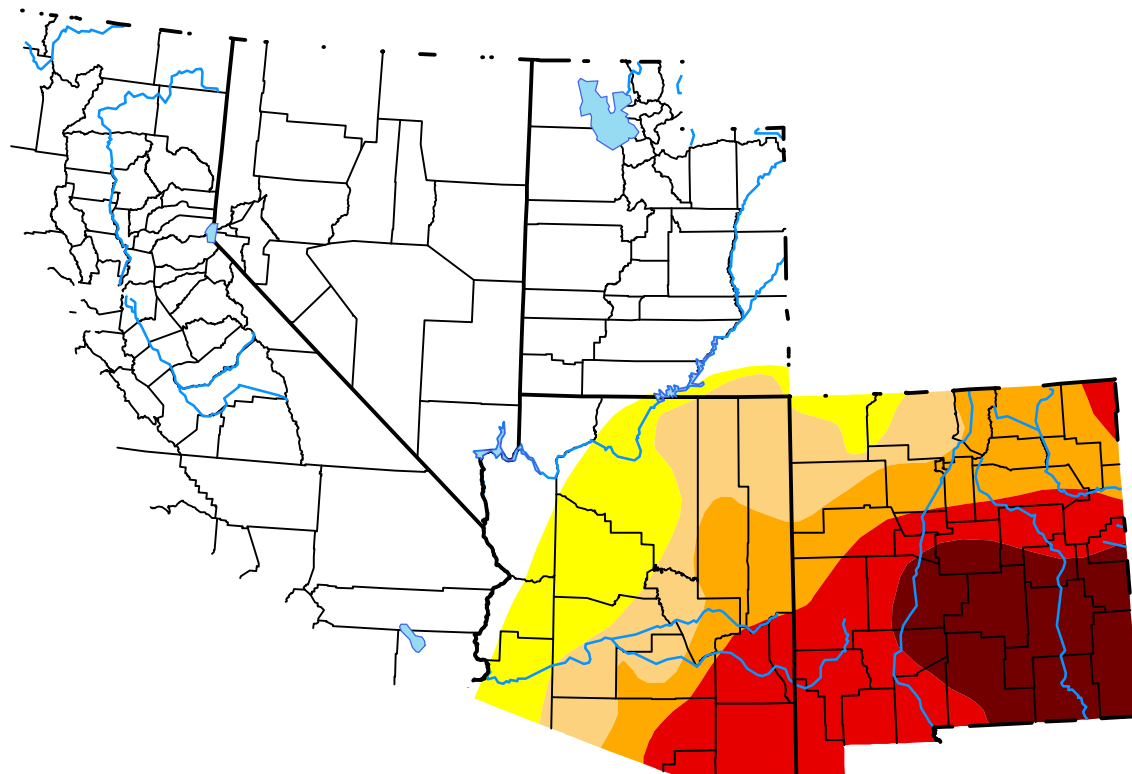


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.97	38.03	31.54	23.92	16.17	6.46
Last Week <i>05-12-2011</i>	61.97	38.03	31.23	23.92	15.44	6.15
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2011</i>	60.74	39.26	19.01	7.22	0.01	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>05-20-2010</i>	62.58	37.42	13.43	4.50	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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