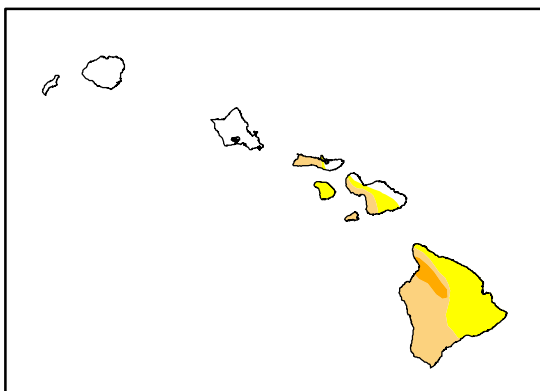
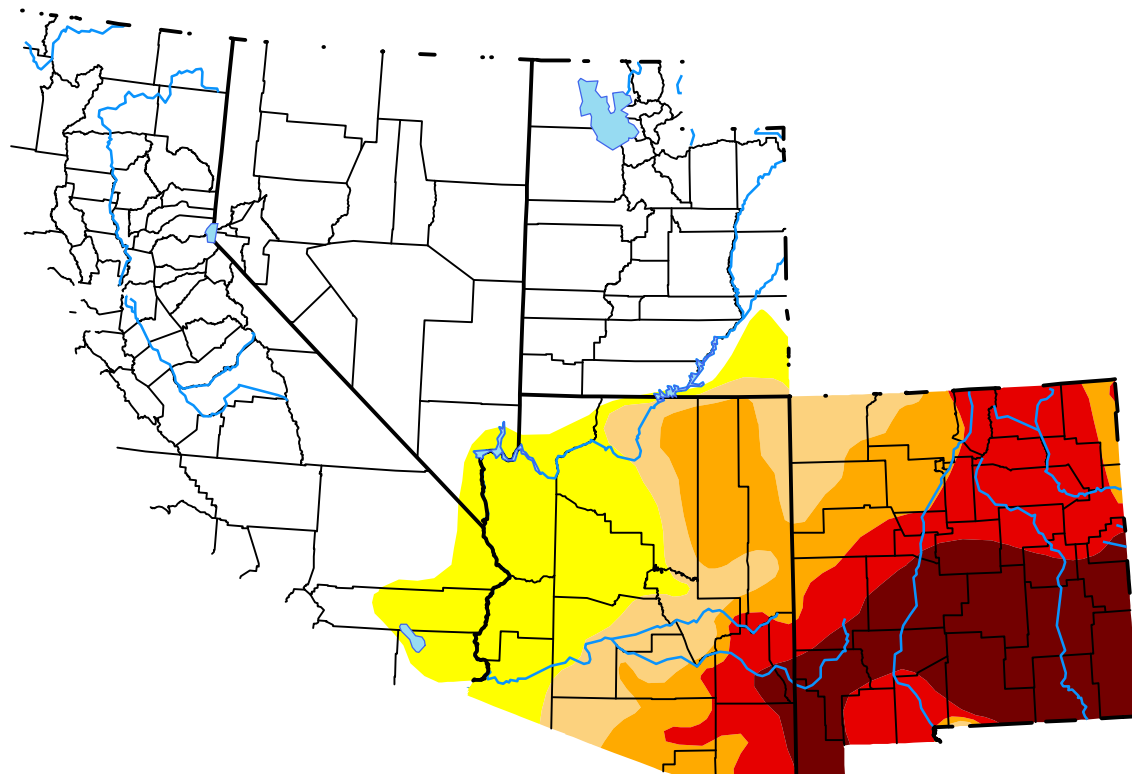


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.65	43.35	32.87	26.01	17.94	9.05
Last Week 08-11-2011	56.55	43.45	32.64	26.19	18.47	10.58
3 Months Ago 05-19-2011	61.97	38.03	31.54	23.92	16.17	6.46
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 08-19-2010	61.06	38.94	10.67	1.05	0.33	0.06

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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