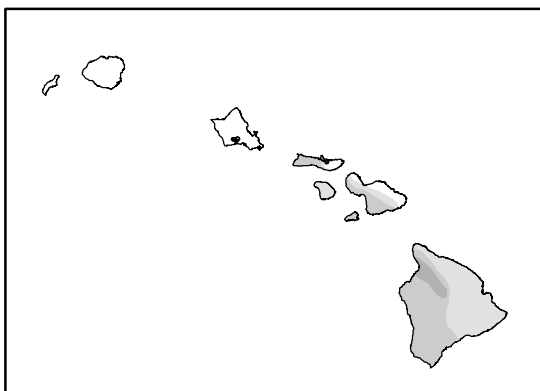
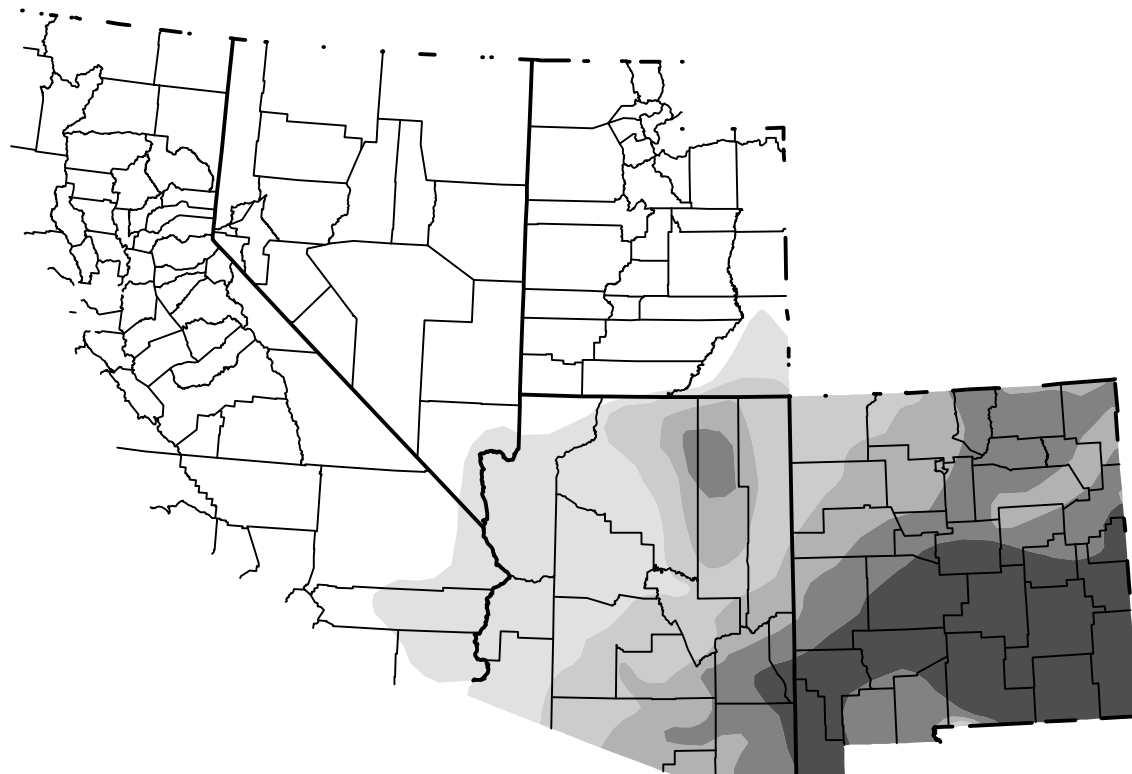


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.65	10.46	7.49	7.80	8.45	9.15
Last Week <i>08-18-2011</i>	56.65	10.48	6.86	8.07	8.89	9.05
3 Months Ago <i>05-26-2011</i>	63.78	5.72	7.15	7.14	9.74	6.48
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>08-26-2010</i>	61.06	28.24	9.55	0.81	0.27	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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