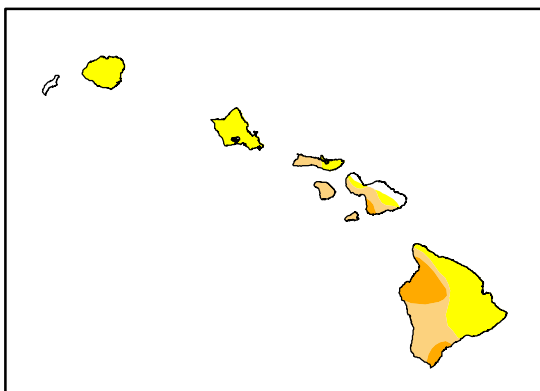
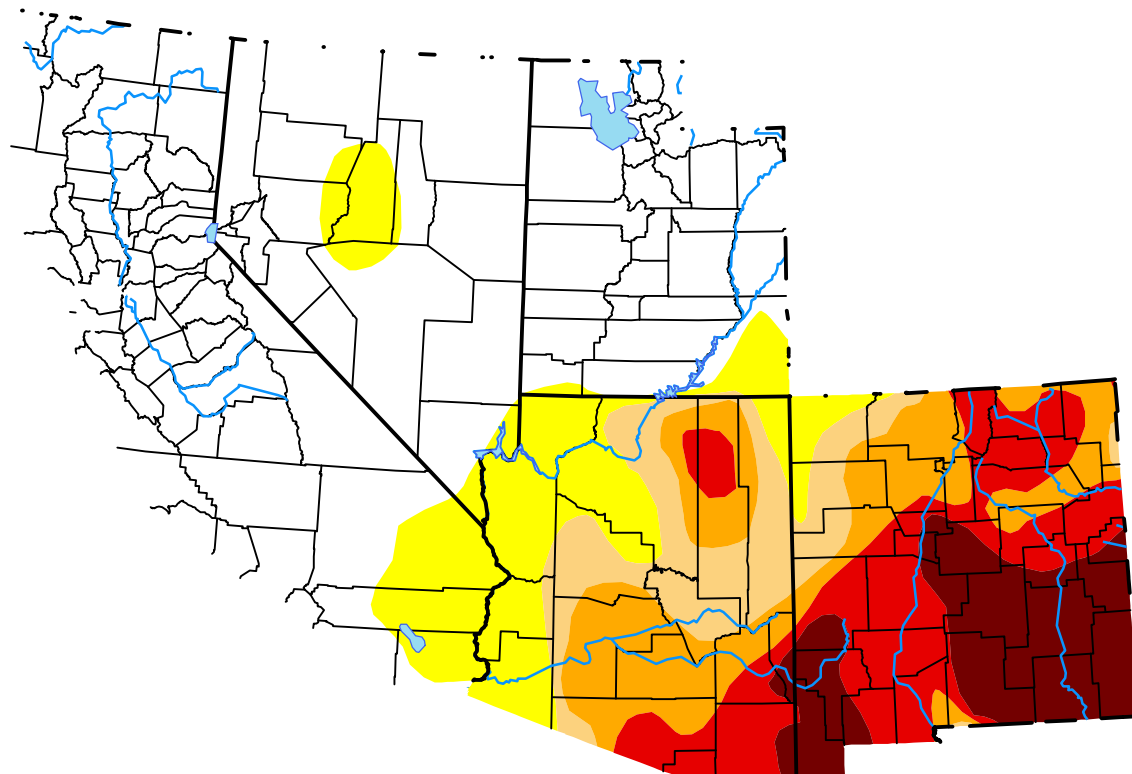


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	53.67	12.78	7.03	9.38	9.66	7.49
Last Week <i>09-15-2011</i>	48.40	16.78	7.64	8.77	10.29	8.12
3 Months Ago <i>06-23-2011</i>	63.65	6.03	6.99	5.30	6.93	11.10
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>09-23-2010</i>	61.05	27.04	10.73	0.85	0.28	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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