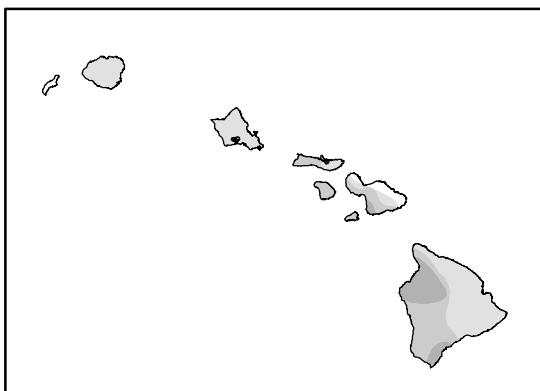
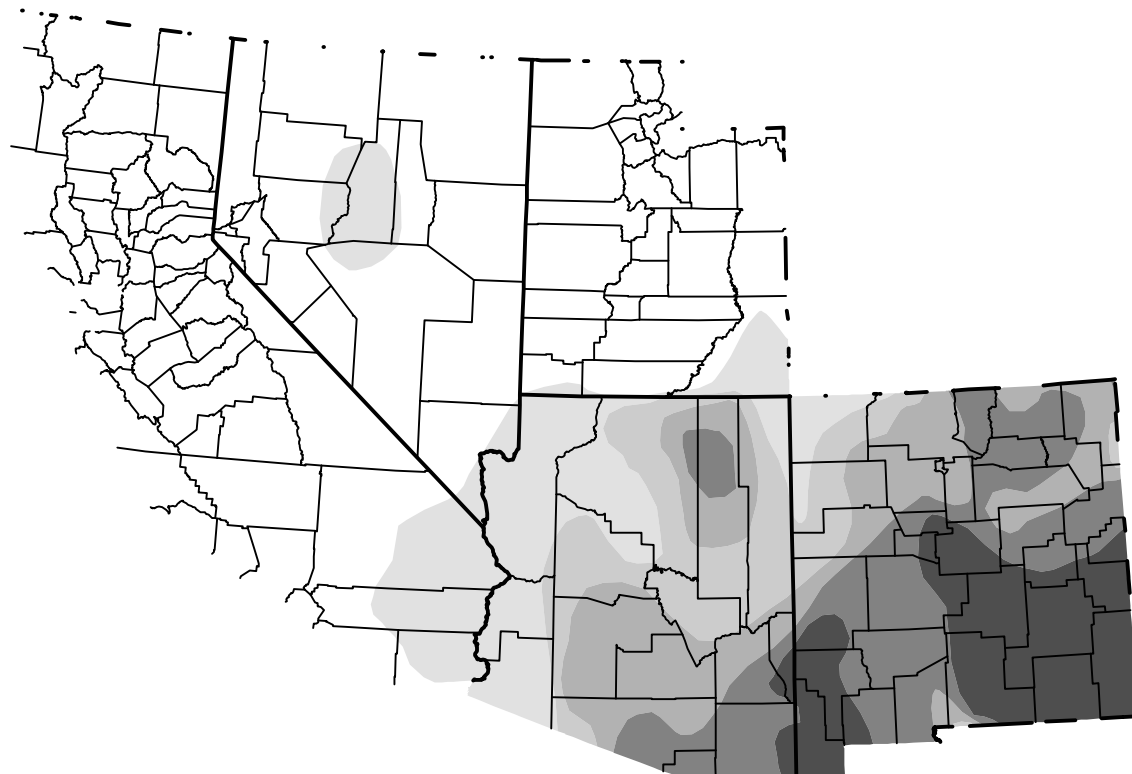


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.67	46.33	33.55	26.53	17.15	7.49
Last Week <i>09-15-2011</i>	48.40	51.60	34.82	27.18	18.41	8.12
3 Months Ago <i>06-23-2011</i>	63.65	36.35	30.32	23.34	18.03	11.10
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>09-23-2010</i>	61.05	38.95	11.91	1.18	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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