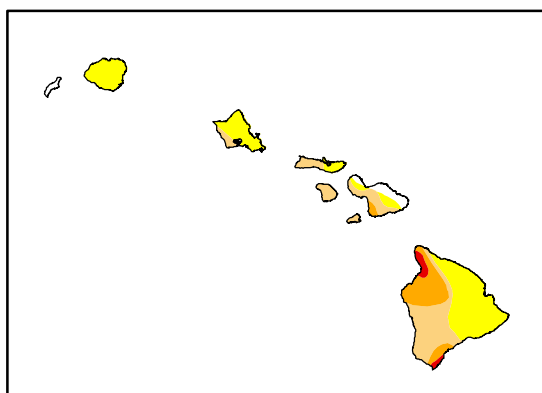
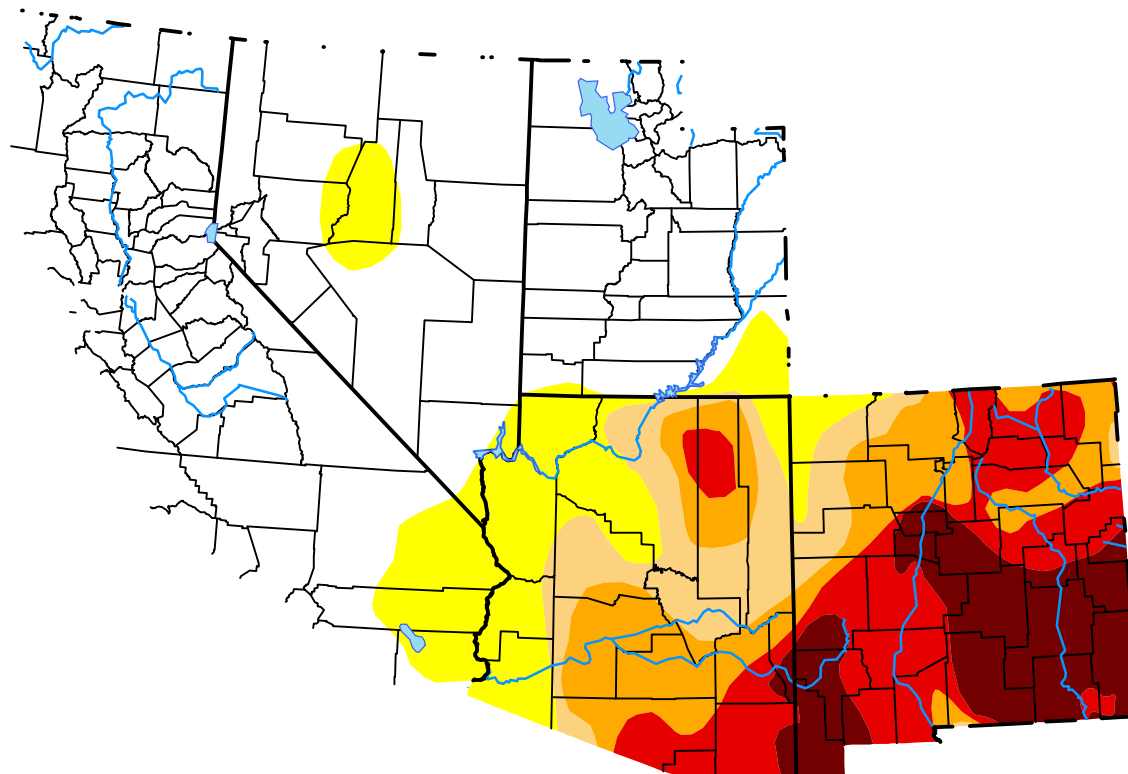


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.71	46.29	33.58	26.55	17.17	7.68
Last Week 09-29-2011	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
3 Months Ago 07-07-2011	55.59	44.41	32.64	26.86	19.70	11.10
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2011	65.37	34.63	14.85	0.18	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2011	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago 10-07-2010	55.52	44.48	12.34	1.14	0.30	0.06

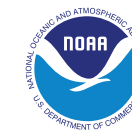
Intensity:

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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