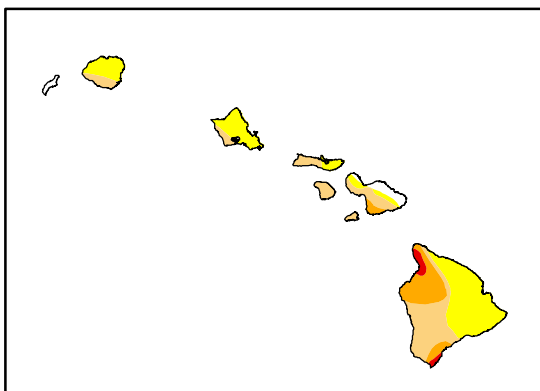
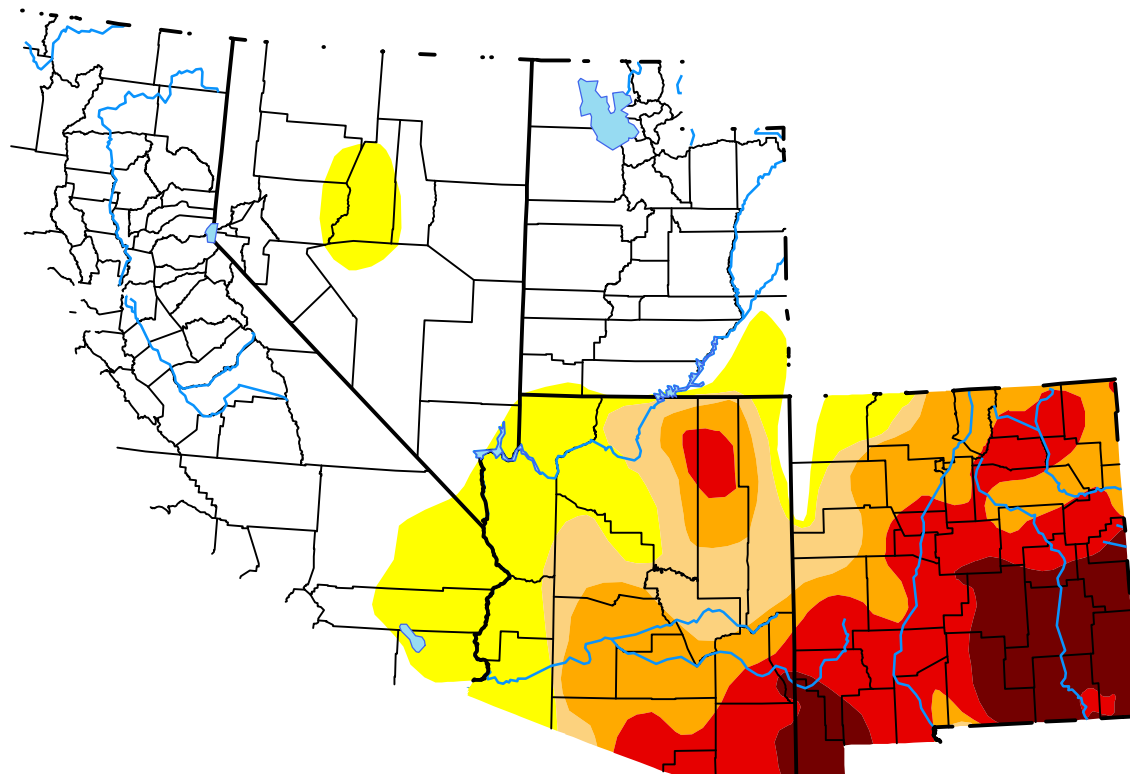


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.40	12.75	6.68	10.38	10.17	5.62
Last Week <i>10-06-2011</i>	53.71	12.70	7.03	9.38	9.50	7.68
3 Months Ago <i>07-14-2011</i>	57.70	9.91	5.88	7.50	8.24	10.77
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>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
One Year Ago <i>10-14-2010</i>	57.30	35.94	5.61	0.84	0.25	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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