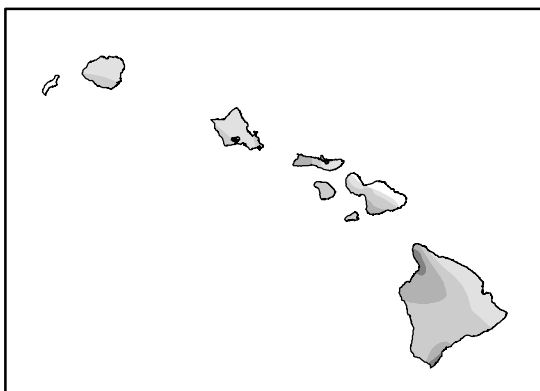
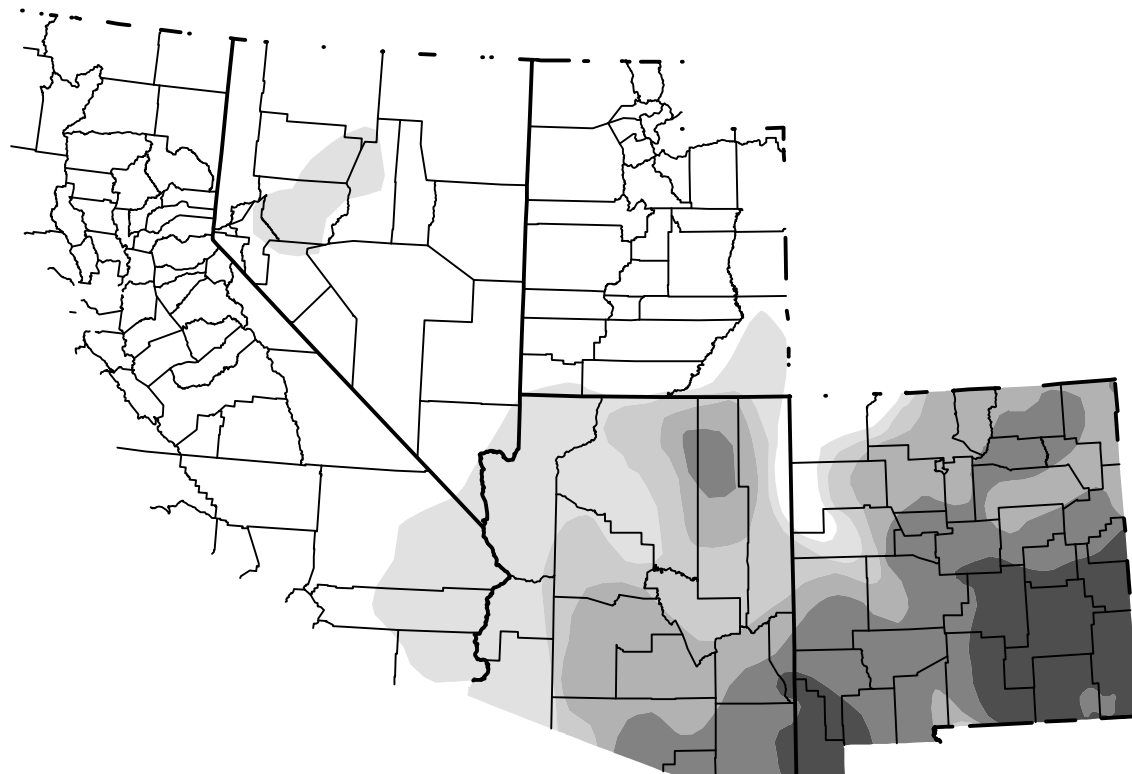


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	55.21	12.41	6.44	10.15	10.17	5.62
Last Week <i>10-13-2011</i>	54.40	12.75	6.68	10.38	10.17	5.62
3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2011</i>	56.77	10.85	6.22	7.30	8.12	10.75
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>10-21-2010</i>	57.19	36.05	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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