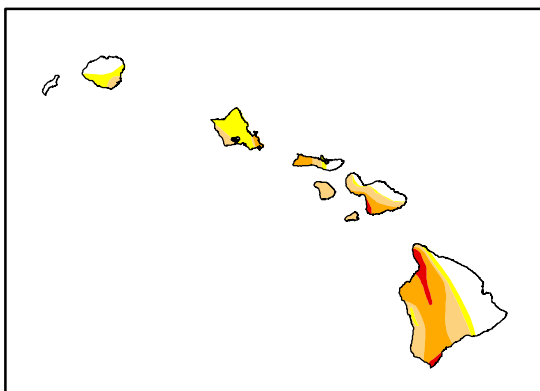
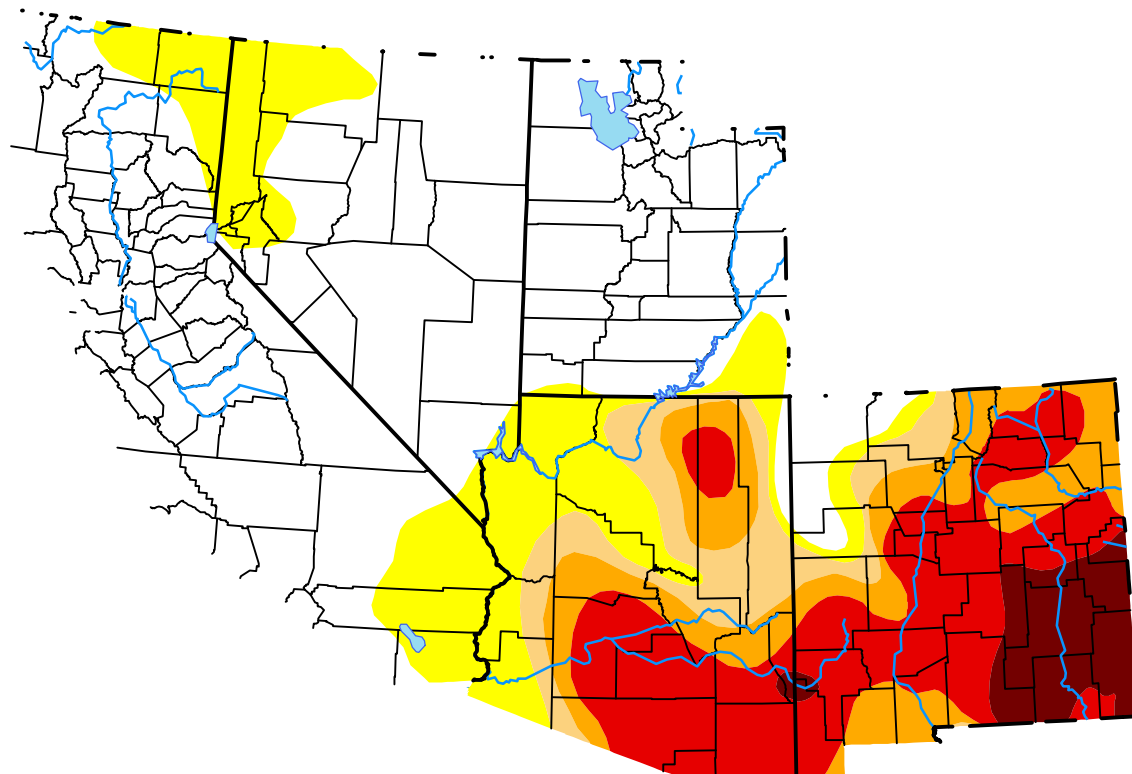


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.74	15.06	5.86	8.56	13.95	3.83
Last Week 12-01-2011	55.66	11.36	5.93	8.41	14.81	3.83
3 Months Ago 09-08-2011	48.45	16.94	8.69	7.51	10.25	8.15
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2011	65.37	19.78	14.67	0.15	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2011	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
One Year Ago 12-09-2010	51.47	42.86	5.31	0.25	0.11	0.00

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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