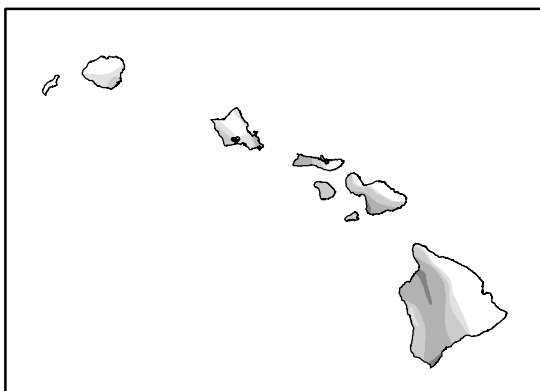
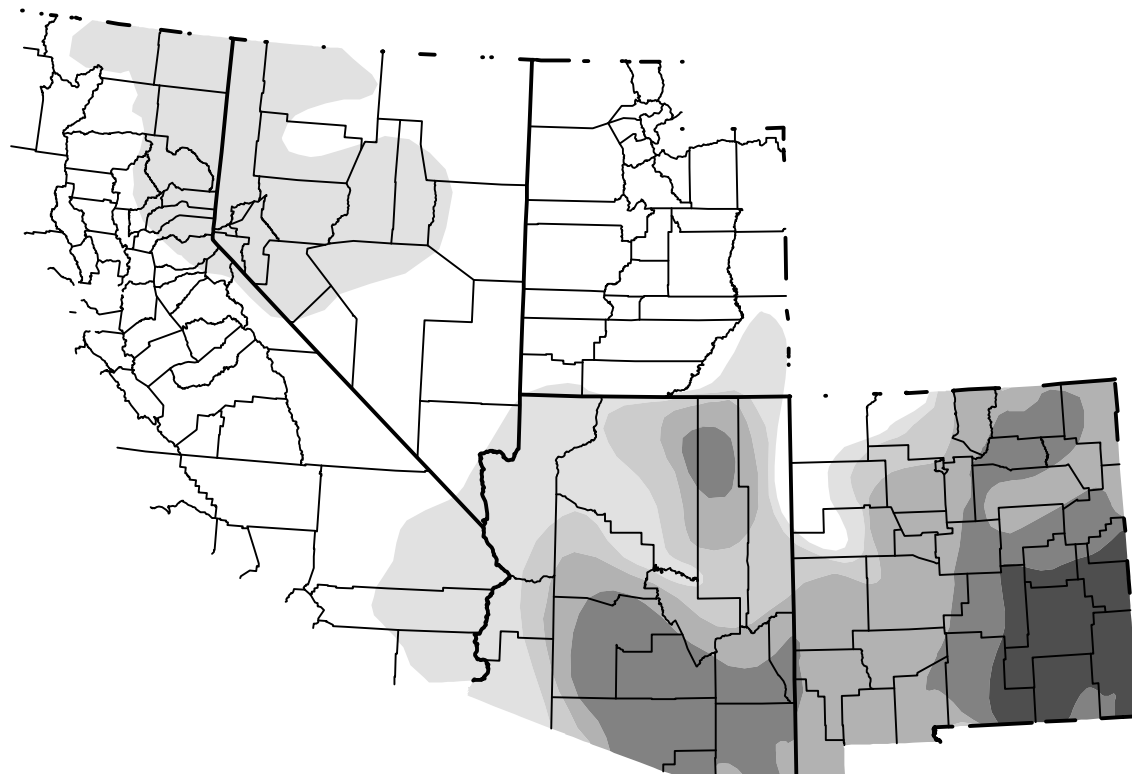


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	46.22	21.63	5.84	12.66	9.99	3.66
Last Week <i>12-08-2011</i>	52.74	15.06	5.86	8.56	13.95	3.83
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2011</i>	48.40	16.78	7.64	8.77	10.29	8.12
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>12-16-2010</i>	46.66	42.61	10.38	0.24	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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