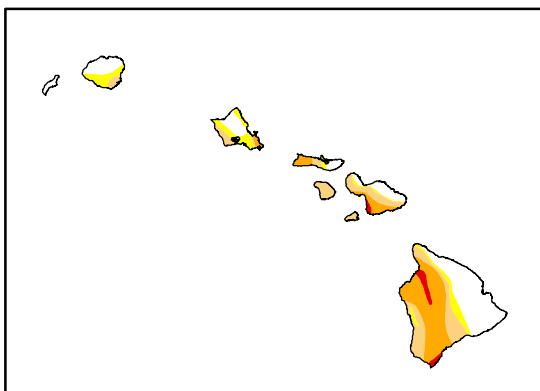
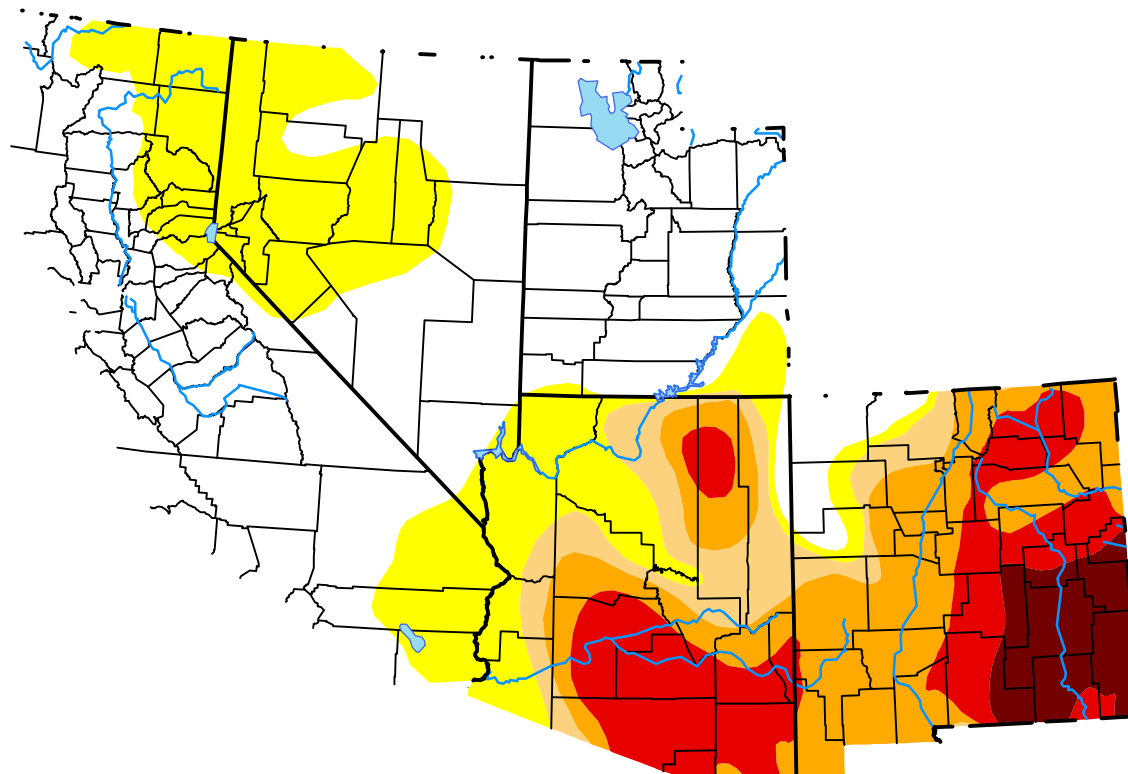


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.22	53.78	32.16	26.32	13.65	3.66
Last Week <i>12-08-2011</i>	52.74	47.26	32.20	26.34	17.77	3.83
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2011</i>	48.40	51.60	34.82	27.18	18.41	8.12
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	65.37	34.63	14.85	0.18	0.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2010</i>	46.66	53.34	10.73	0.35	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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