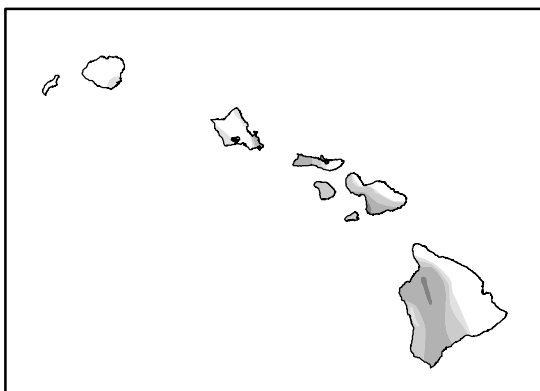
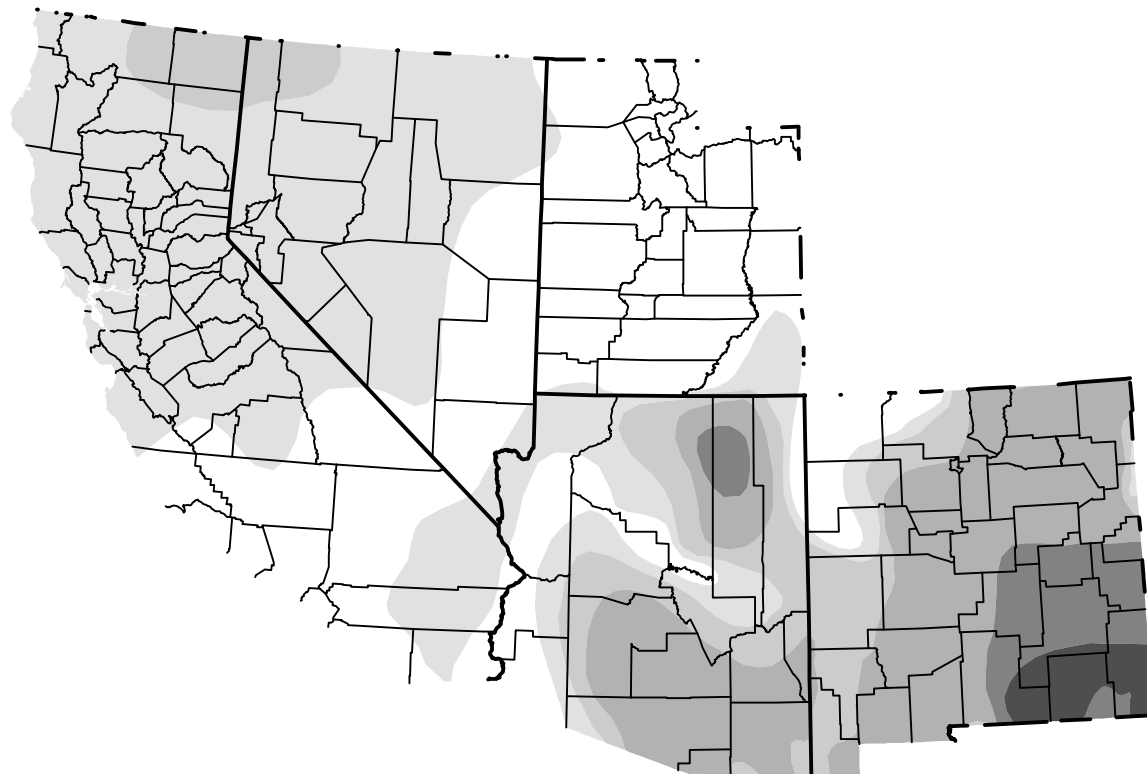


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	32.39	35.27	10.30	16.72	3.78	1.55
Last Week <i>12-22-2011</i>	47.97	22.04	7.95	13.73	4.68	3.63
3 Months Ago <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
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>12-30-2010</i>	62.63	22.51	14.64	0.19	0.03	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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