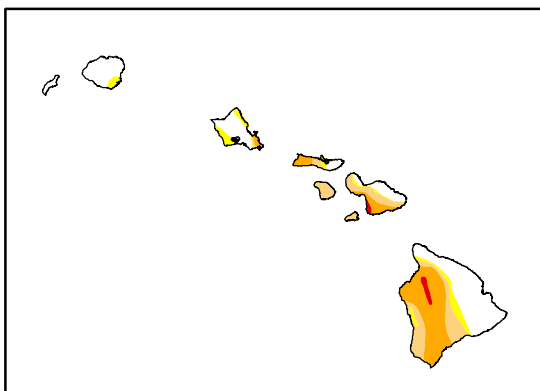
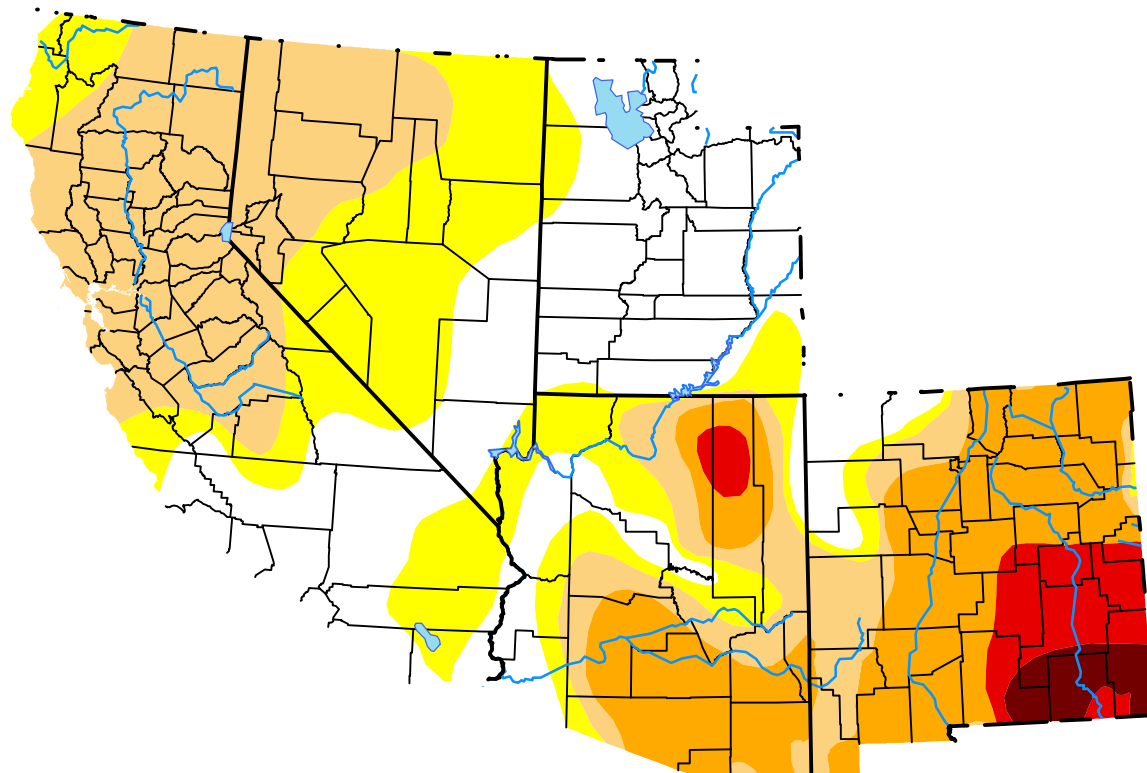


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**January 3, 2012**  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 29.38 | 22.20 | 26.39 | 16.71 | 3.78 | 1.55 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-29-2011</i>              | 32.39 | 35.27 | 10.30 | 16.72 | 3.78 | 1.55 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-06-2011</i>           | 53.71 | 12.70 | 7.03  | 9.38  | 9.50 | 7.68 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 29.38 | 22.20 | 26.39 | 16.71 | 3.78 | 1.55 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 53.67 | 12.76 | 7.04  | 9.37  | 9.67 | 7.49 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i>           | 65.37 | 19.78 | 14.67 | 0.15  | 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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