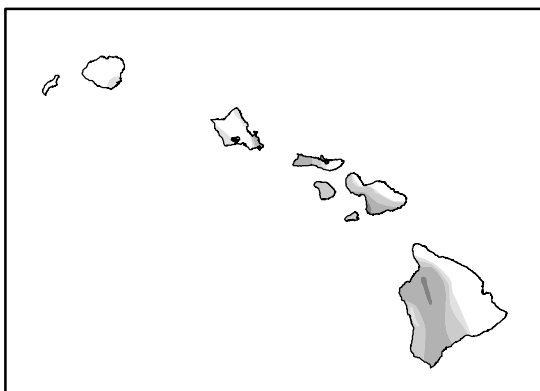
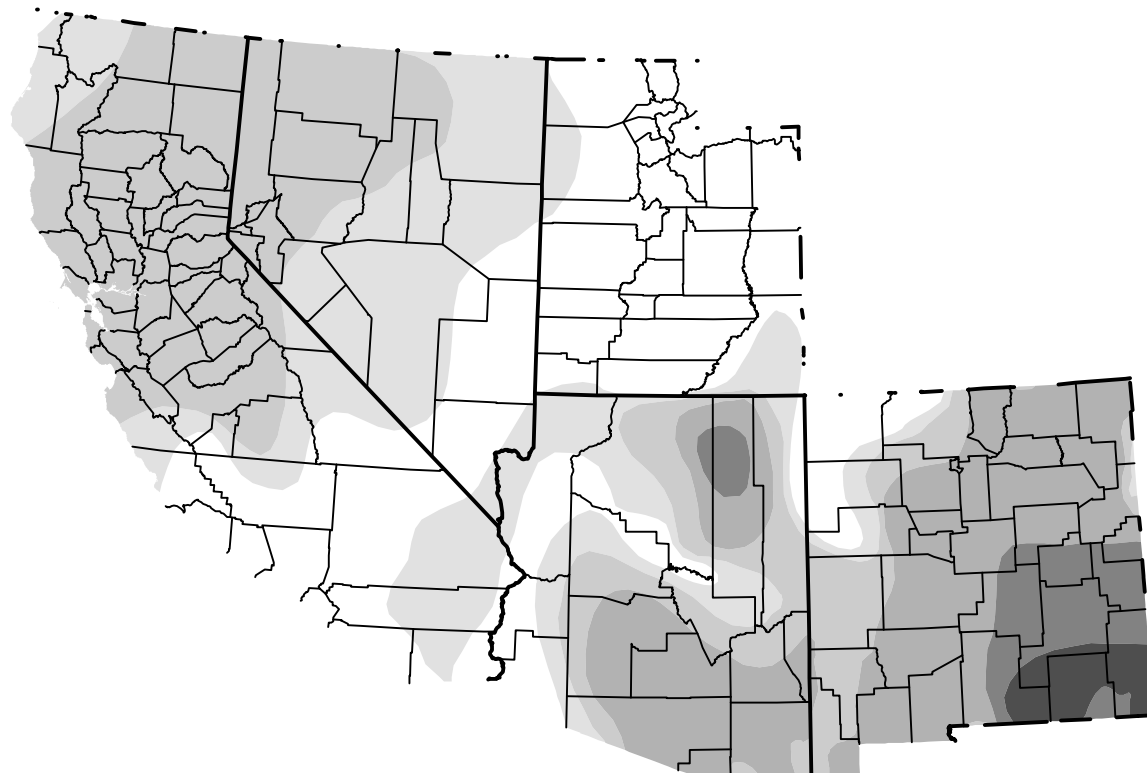


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Last Week <i>12-29-2011</i>	32.39	67.61	32.34	22.04	5.32	1.55
3 Months Ago <i>10-06-2011</i>	53.71	46.29	33.58	26.55	17.17	7.68
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
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>01-06-2011</i>	65.37	34.63	14.85	0.18	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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