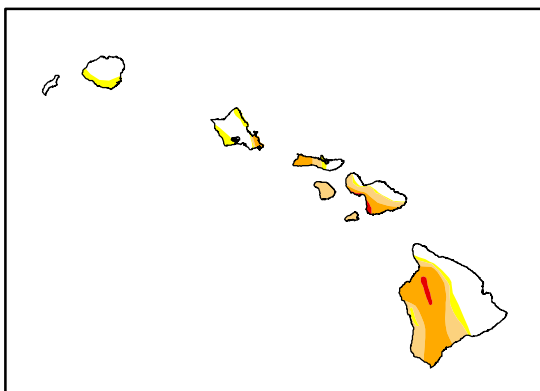
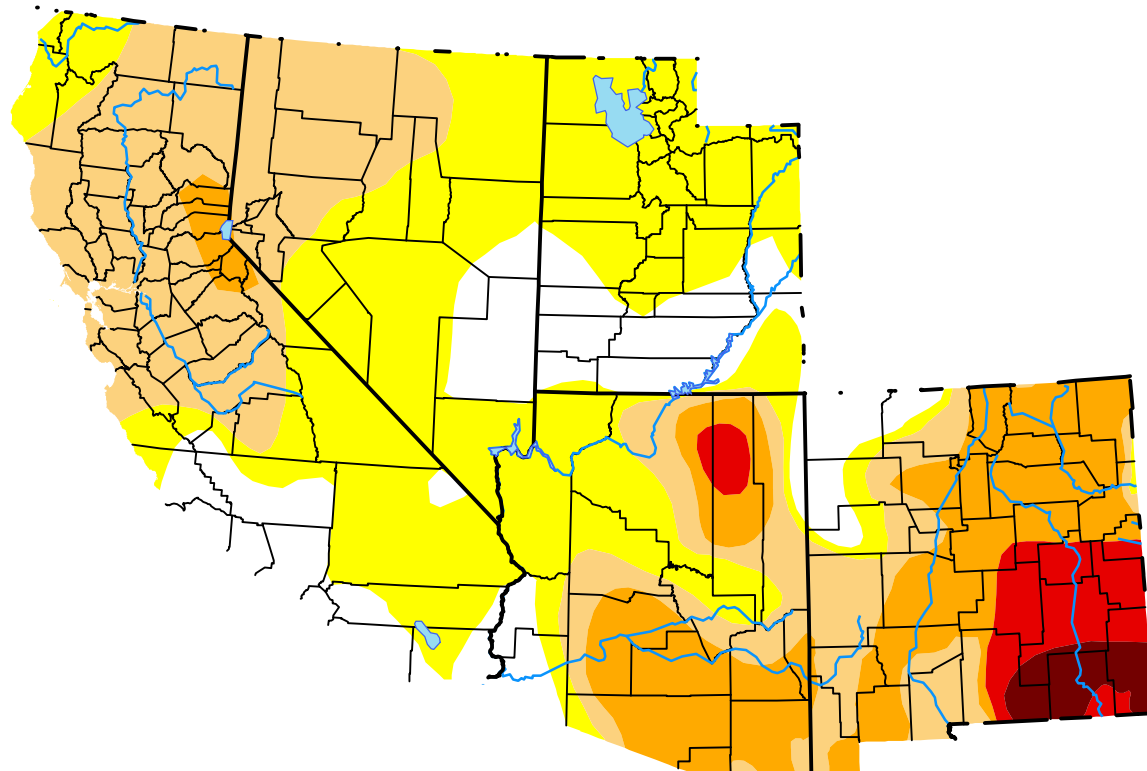


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.58	36.08	27.17	15.85	3.78	1.54
Last Week <i>01-12-2012</i>	17.62	33.95	25.54	17.56	3.78	1.54
3 Months Ago <i>10-20-2011</i>	55.21	12.41	6.44	10.15	10.17	5.62
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
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>01-20-2011</i>	69.31	15.47	15.07	0.12	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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