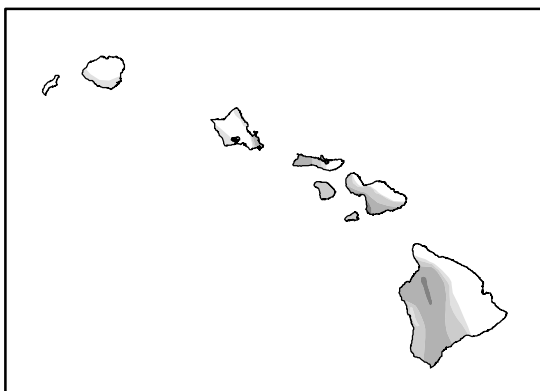
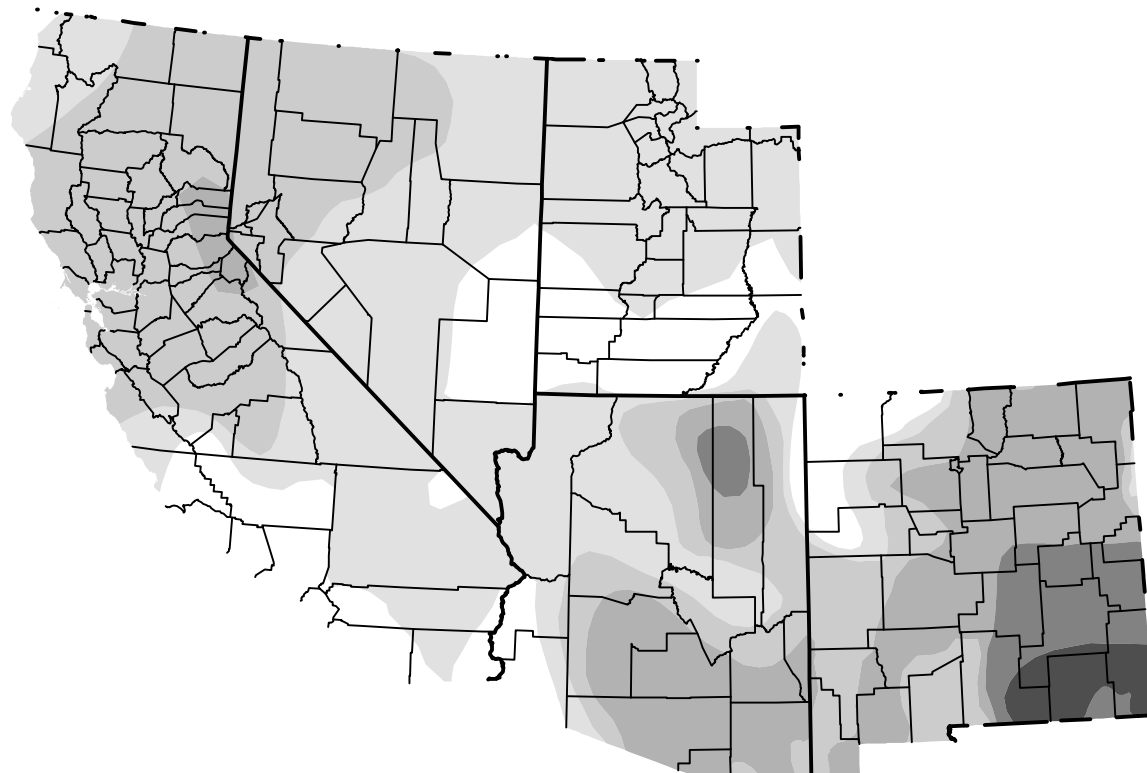


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.58	84.42	48.34	21.17	5.32	1.54
Last Week <i>01-12-2012</i>	17.62	82.38	48.42	22.88	5.32	1.54
3 Months Ago <i>10-20-2011</i>	55.21	44.79	32.38	25.94	15.79	5.62
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>01-20-2011</i>	69.31	30.69	15.22	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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