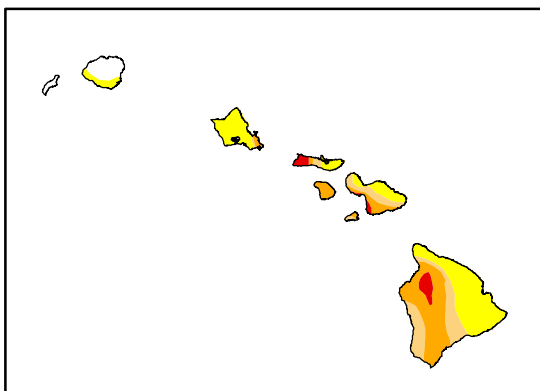
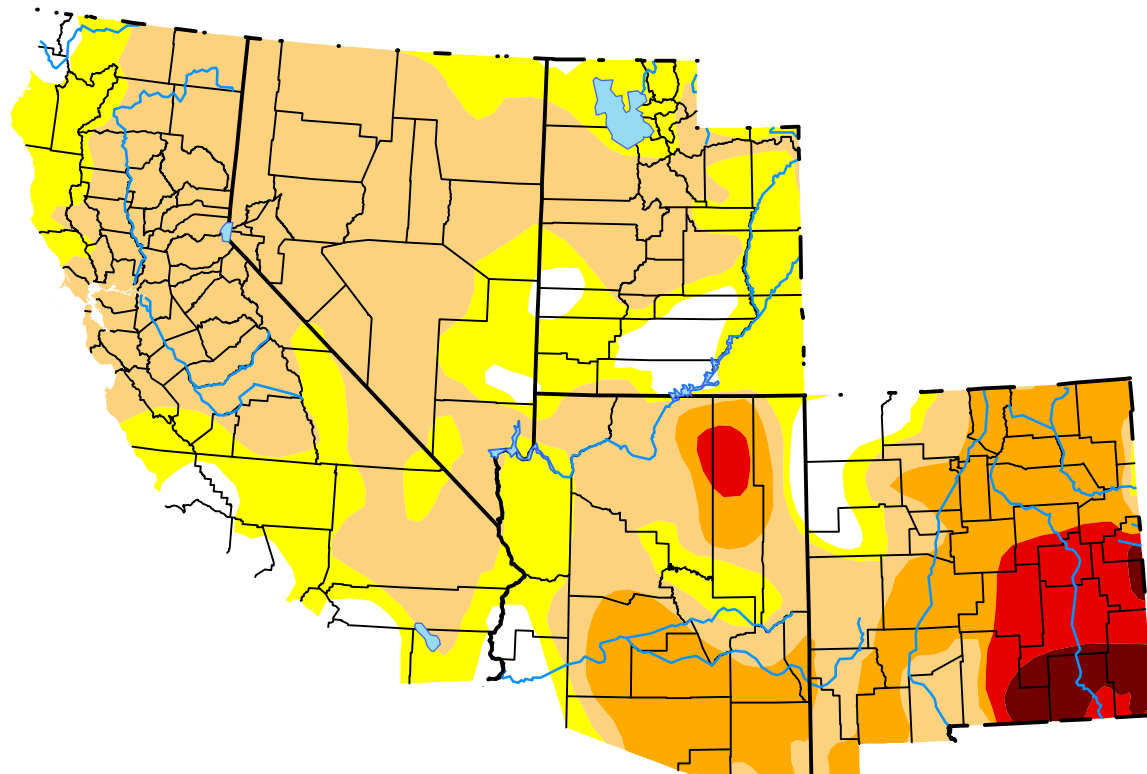


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**January 31, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 7.99  | 24.20 | 47.45 | 14.73 | 3.97  | 1.66 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-26-2012</i>              | 10.21 | 31.99 | 37.46 | 15.00 | 3.79  | 1.54 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-03-2011</i>           | 55.22 | 11.69 | 6.07  | 8.40  | 13.00 | 5.62 |
| <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>02-03-2011</i>           | 66.76 | 16.39 | 9.63  | 7.20  | 0.01  | 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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