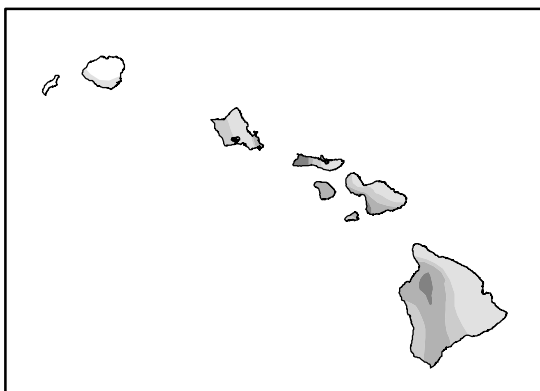
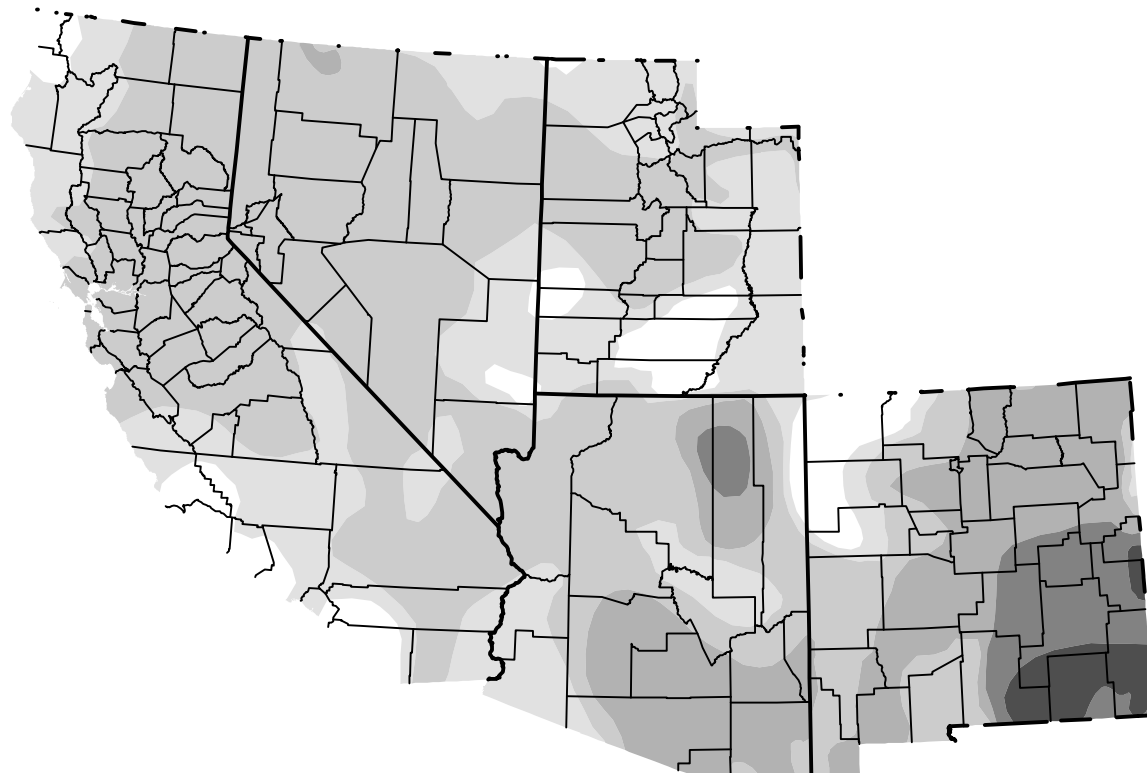


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.85	23.32	49.33	14.86	3.98	1.66
Last Week <i>02-02-2012</i>	7.99	24.20	47.45	14.73	3.97	1.66
3 Months Ago <i>11-10-2011</i>	56.71	10.32	6.00	8.34	13.00	5.63
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>02-10-2011</i>	60.25	20.73	11.79	7.21	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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