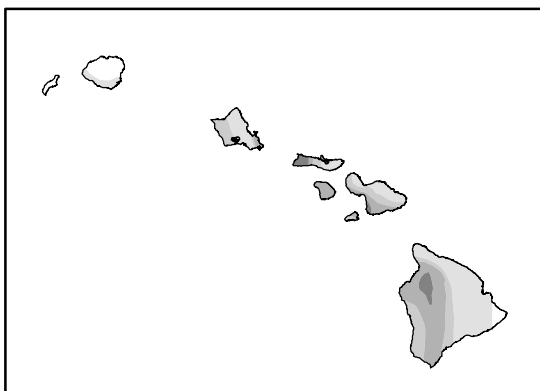
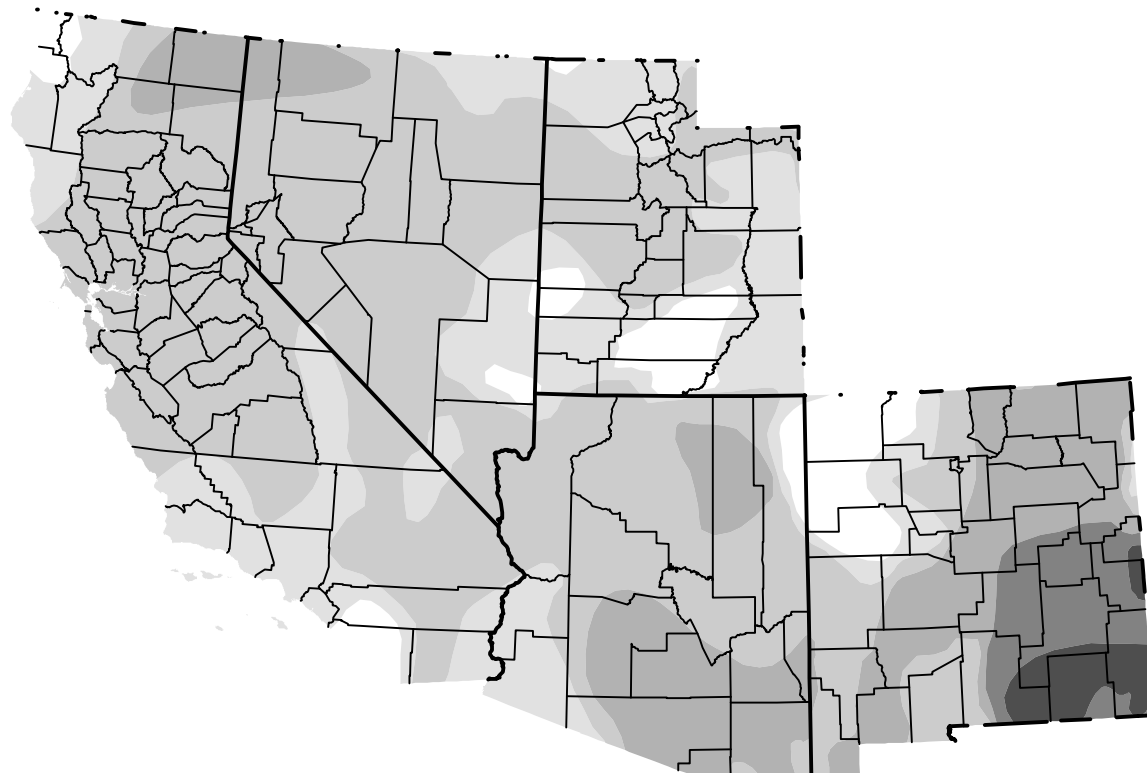


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.22	21.48	51.03	16.16	3.45	1.66
Last Week <i>02-16-2012</i>	7.71	23.80	49.47	13.91	3.45	1.66
3 Months Ago <i>11-23-2011</i>	56.69	10.33	5.93	8.40	13.08	5.57
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>02-24-2011</i>	66.74	11.98	11.92	9.35	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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