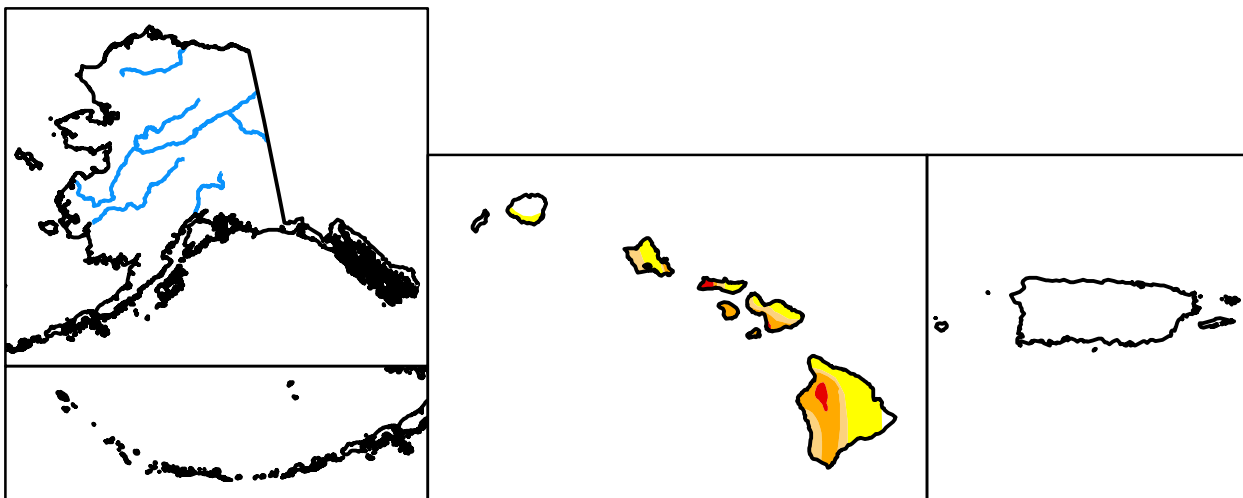
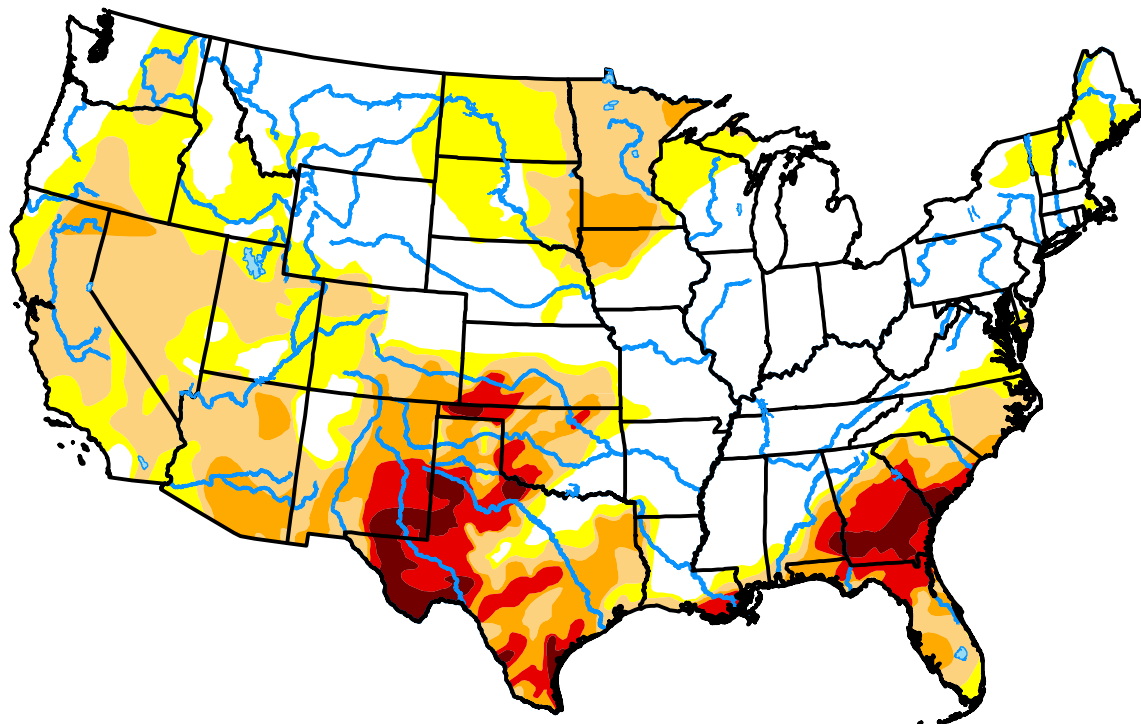


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U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.01	16.20	17.23	8.15	4.37	2.03
Last Week <i>02-14-2012</i>	51.94	16.37	16.61	7.28	5.11	2.69
3 Months Ago <i>11-22-2011</i>	63.90	9.94	6.73	5.63	7.02	6.78
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.47	14.79	10.95	7.28	5.73	2.77
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	63.44	12.13	4.81	4.73	5.37	9.50
One Year Ago <i>02-22-2011</i>	60.55	15.80	14.07	7.84	1.73	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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