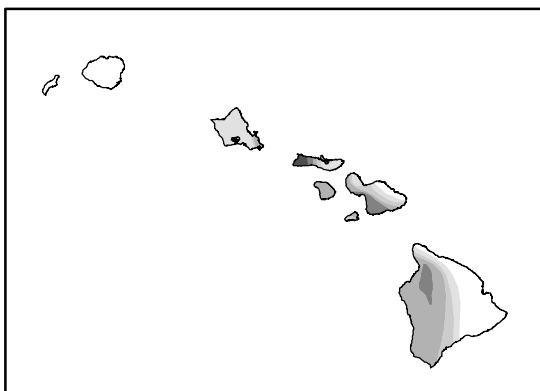
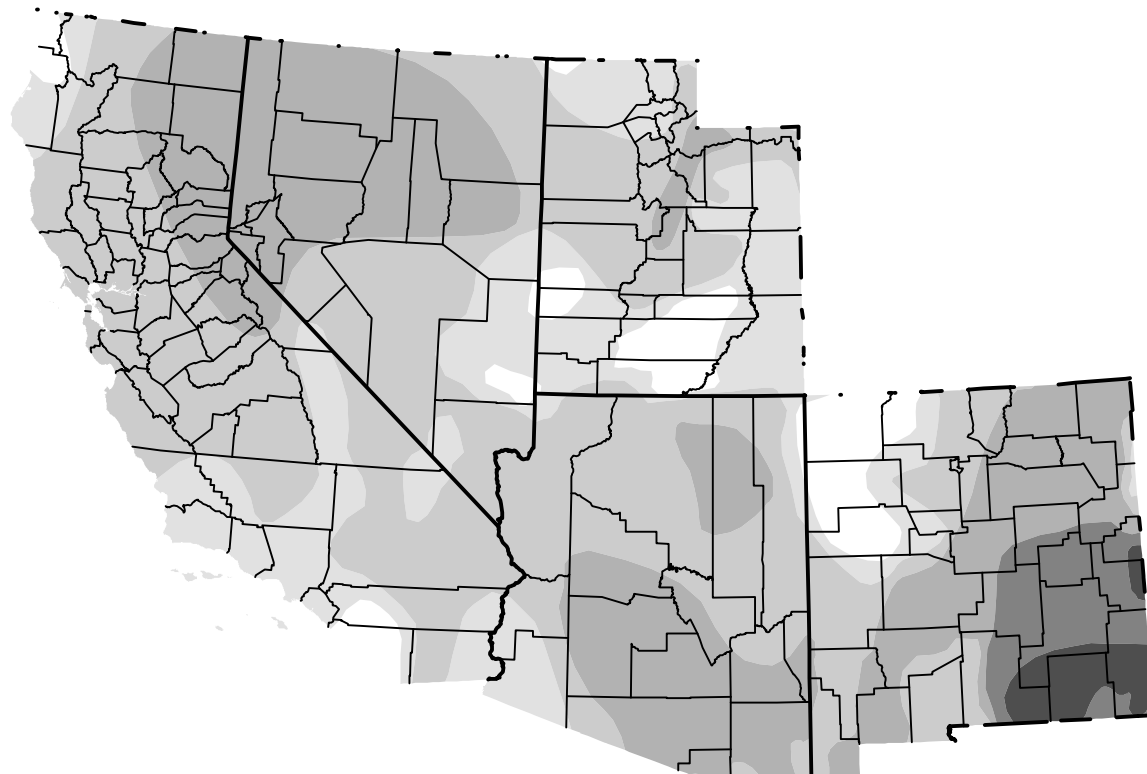


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.01	18.22	42.09	28.54	3.47	1.67
Last Week 02-23-2012	6.22	21.48	51.03	16.16	3.45	1.66
3 Months Ago 12-01-2011	55.66	11.36	5.93	8.41	14.81	3.83
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2012	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
Start of Water Year 09-29-2011	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
One Year Ago 03-03-2011	66.70	11.70	12.27	9.31	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
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