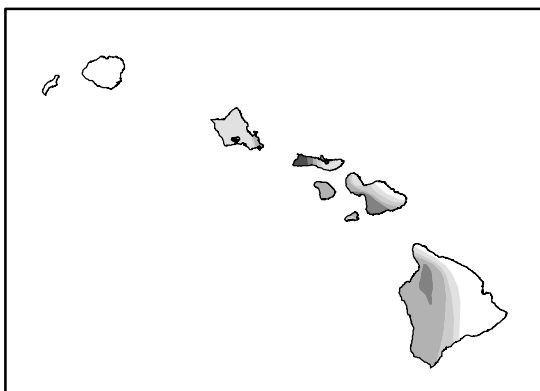
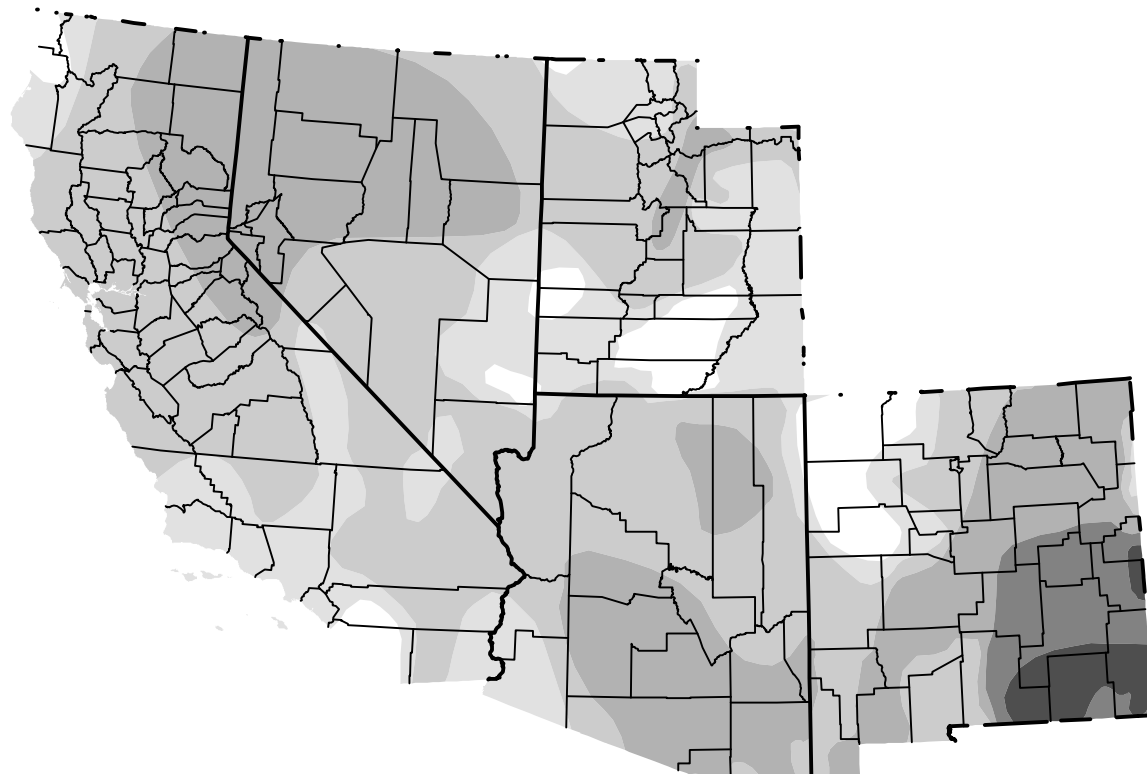


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.01	93.99	75.77	33.68	5.14	1.67
Last Week 02-23-2012	6.22	93.78	72.29	21.27	5.11	1.66
3 Months Ago 12-01-2011	55.66	44.34	32.98	27.05	18.64	3.83
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2012	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year 09-29-2011	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago 03-03-2011	66.70	33.30	21.60	9.32	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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