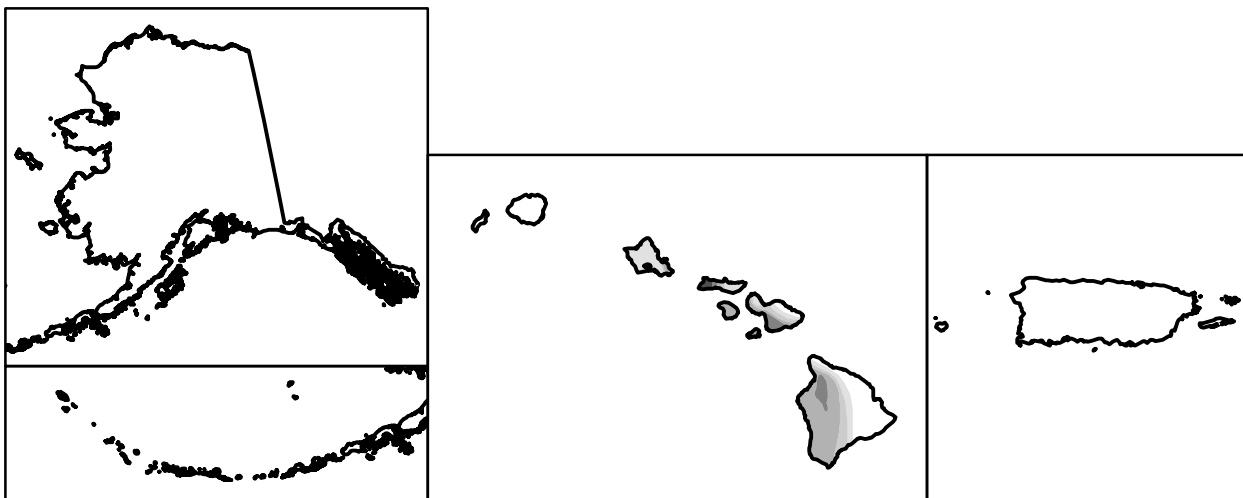
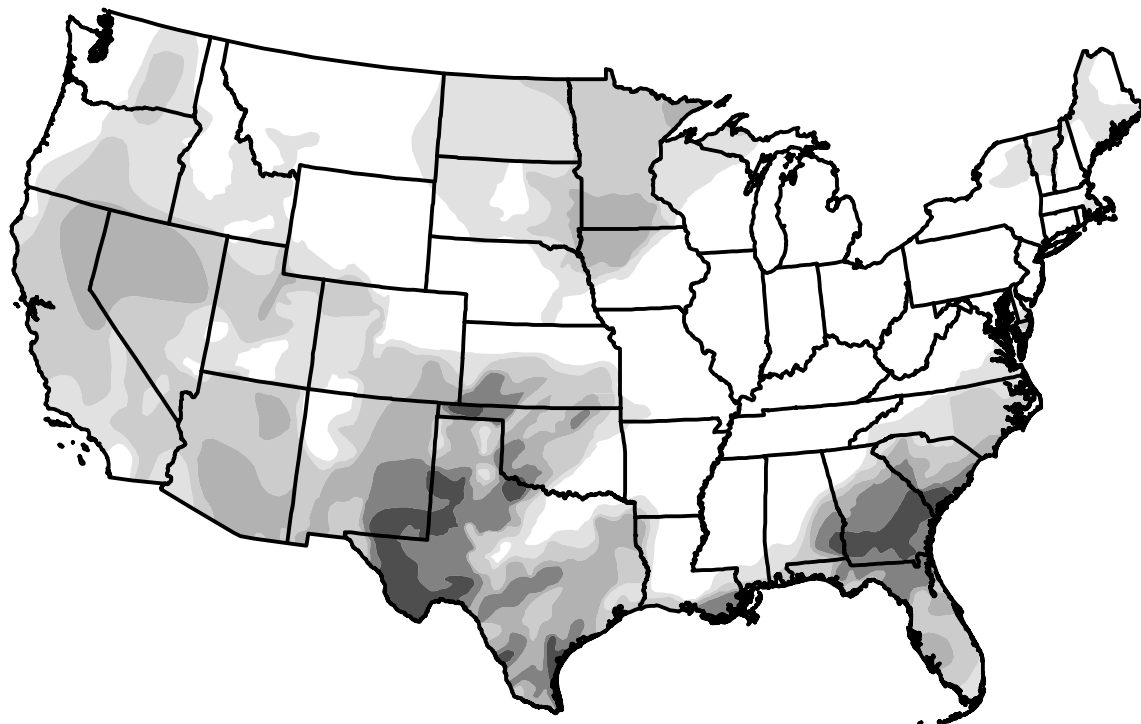


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.82	15.79	16.02	9.96	4.30	2.09
Last Week <i>02-21-2012</i>	52.01	16.20	17.23	8.15	4.37	2.03
3 Months Ago <i>11-29-2011</i>	65.57	9.81	6.28	5.82	7.51	5.00
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>03-01-2011</i>	61.26	15.29	13.01	8.51	1.92	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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