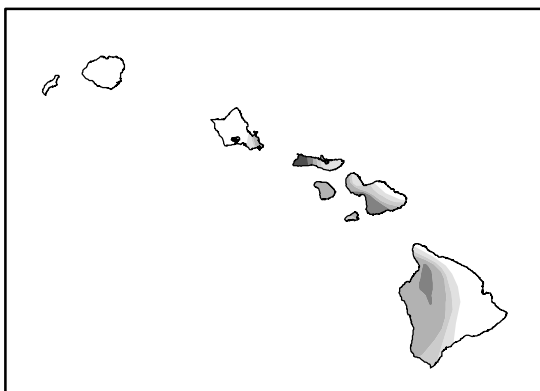
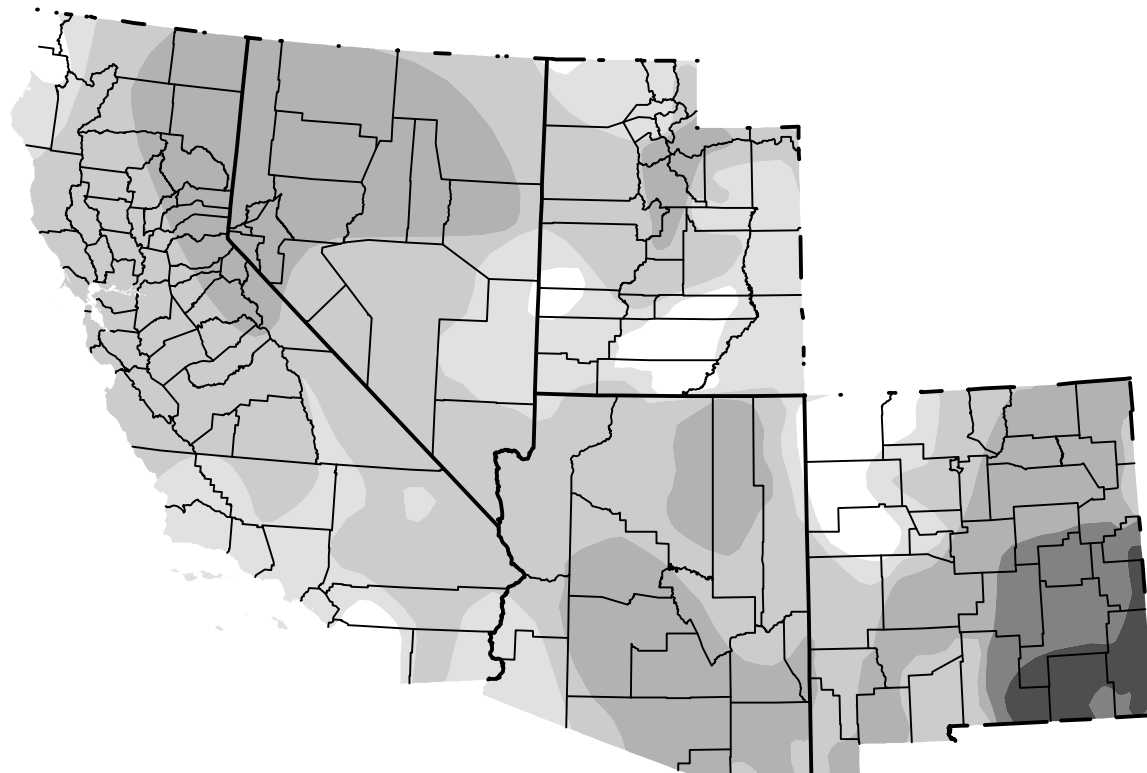


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.88	17.22	41.76	29.96	3.30	1.88
Last Week <i>03-01-2012</i>	6.01	18.22	42.09	28.54	3.47	1.67
3 Months Ago <i>12-08-2011</i>	52.74	15.06	5.86	8.56	13.95	3.83
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>03-10-2011</i>	63.33	15.36	11.99	8.21	1.12	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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