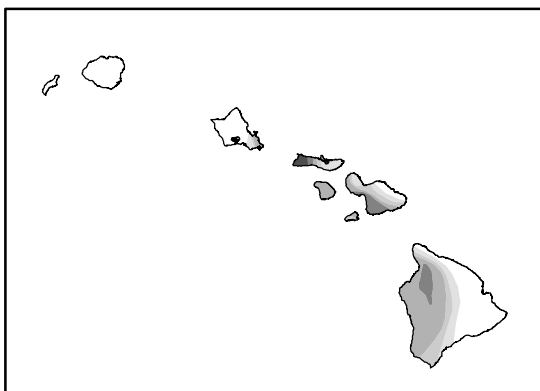
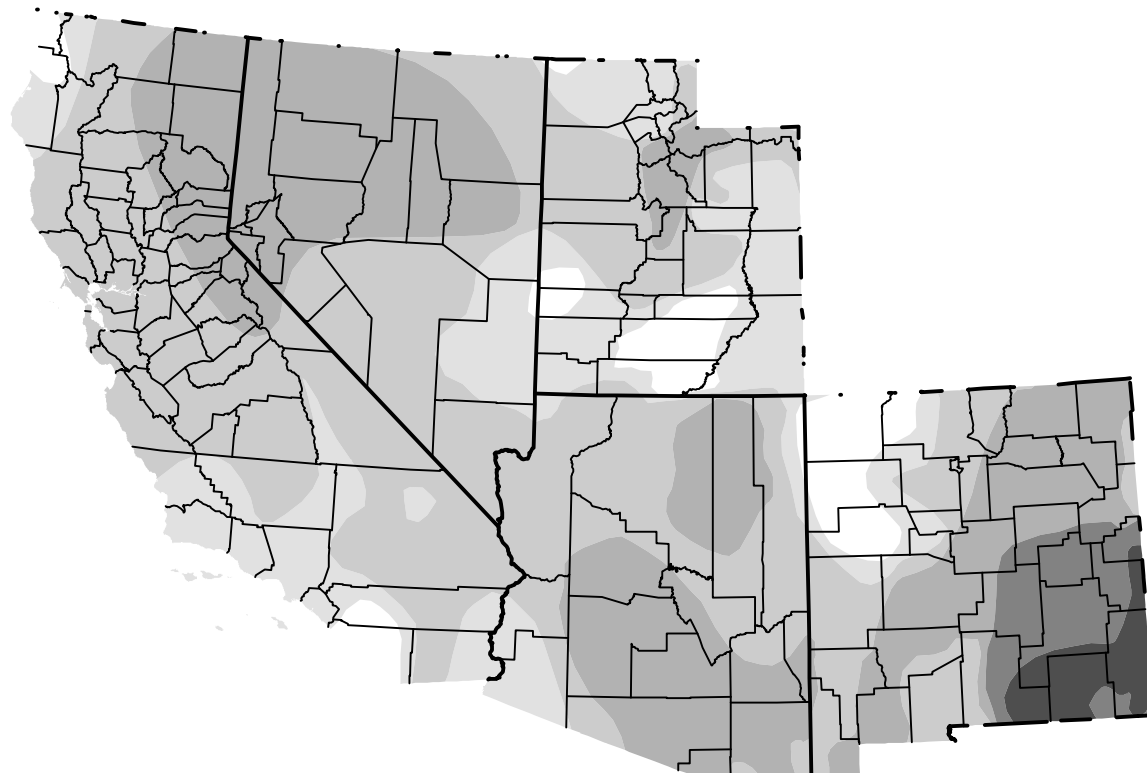


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.88	94.12	76.90	35.14	5.17	1.88
Last Week <i>03-01-2012</i>	6.01	93.99	75.77	33.68	5.14	1.67
3 Months Ago <i>12-08-2011</i>	52.74	47.26	32.20	26.34	17.77	3.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago <i>03-10-2011</i>	63.33	36.67	21.31	9.32	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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