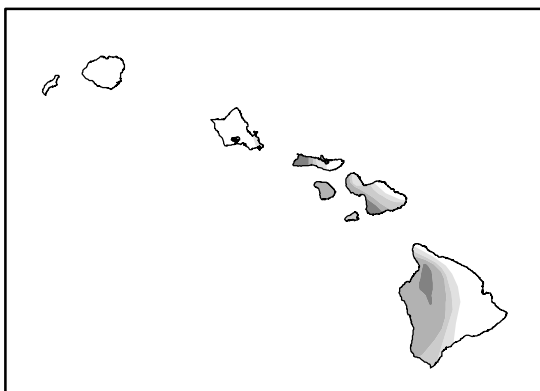
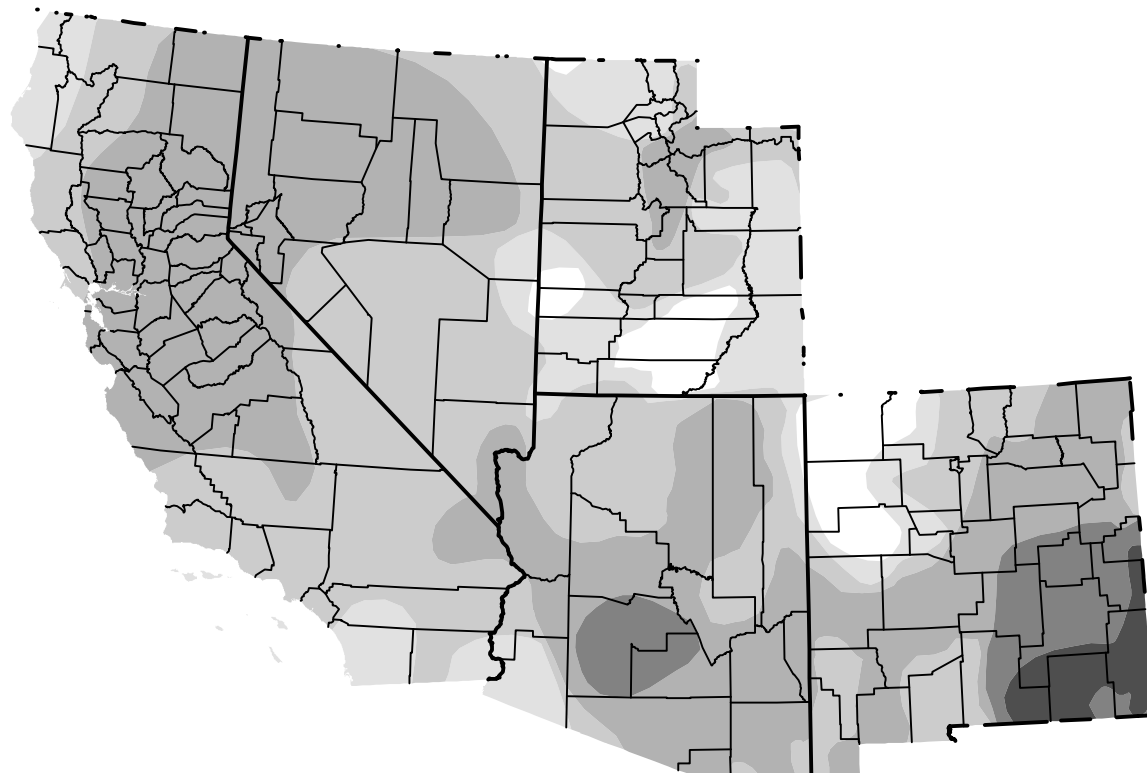


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.77	12.63	35.69	40.13	4.92	1.86
Last Week <i>03-08-2012</i>	5.88	17.22	41.76	29.96	3.30	1.88
3 Months Ago <i>12-15-2011</i>	46.22	21.63	5.84	12.66	9.99	3.66
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>03-17-2011</i>	62.87	11.44	16.28	6.36	3.04	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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