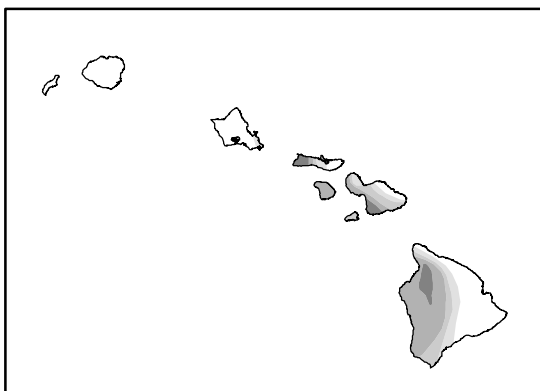
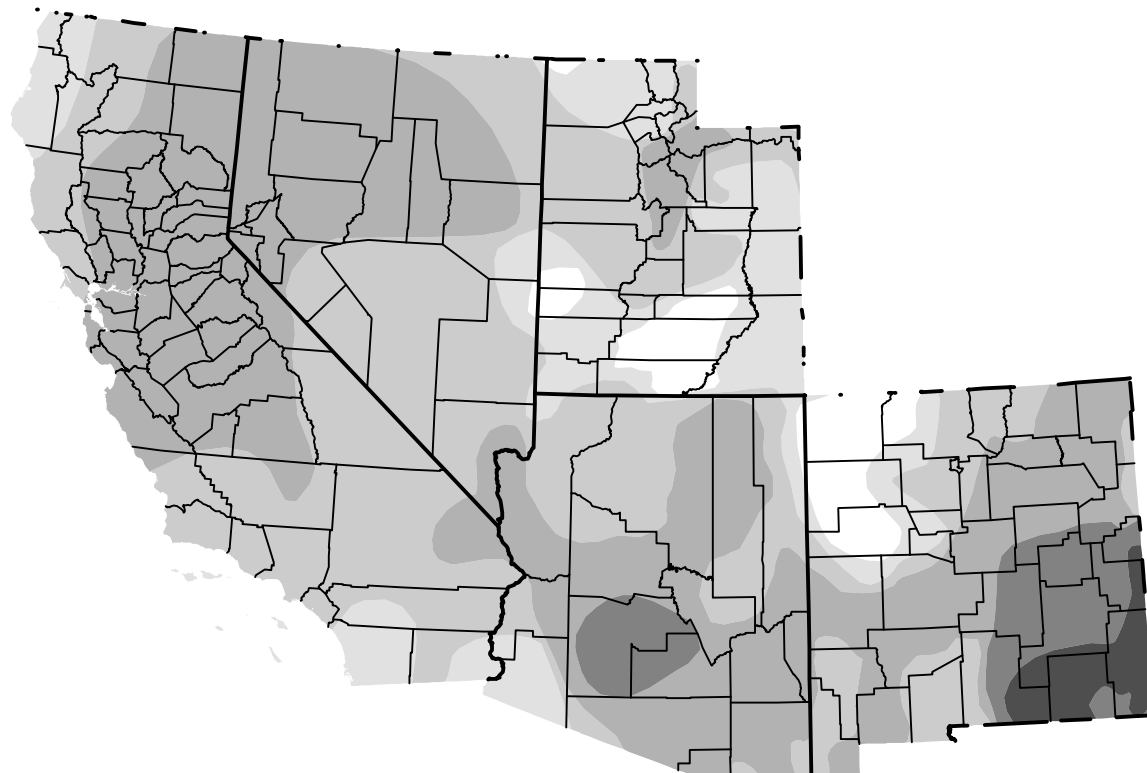


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 4.77  | 95.23 | 82.61 | 46.92 | 6.79  | 1.86 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-08-2012</i>              | 5.88  | 94.12 | 76.90 | 35.14 | 5.17  | 1.88 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2011</i>           | 46.22 | 53.78 | 32.16 | 26.32 | 13.65 | 3.66 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 29.38 | 70.62 | 48.42 | 22.03 | 5.32  | 1.55 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 53.67 | 46.33 | 33.57 | 26.53 | 17.16 | 7.49 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-17-2011</i>           | 62.87 | 37.13 | 25.69 | 9.41  | 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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