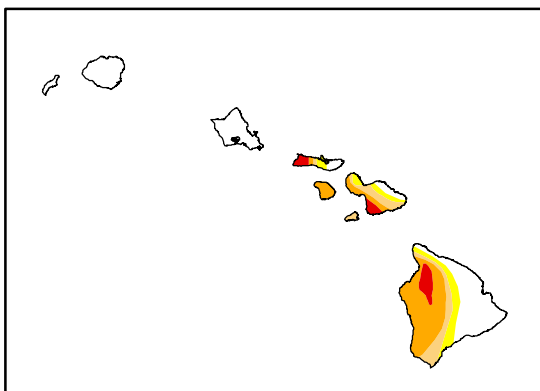
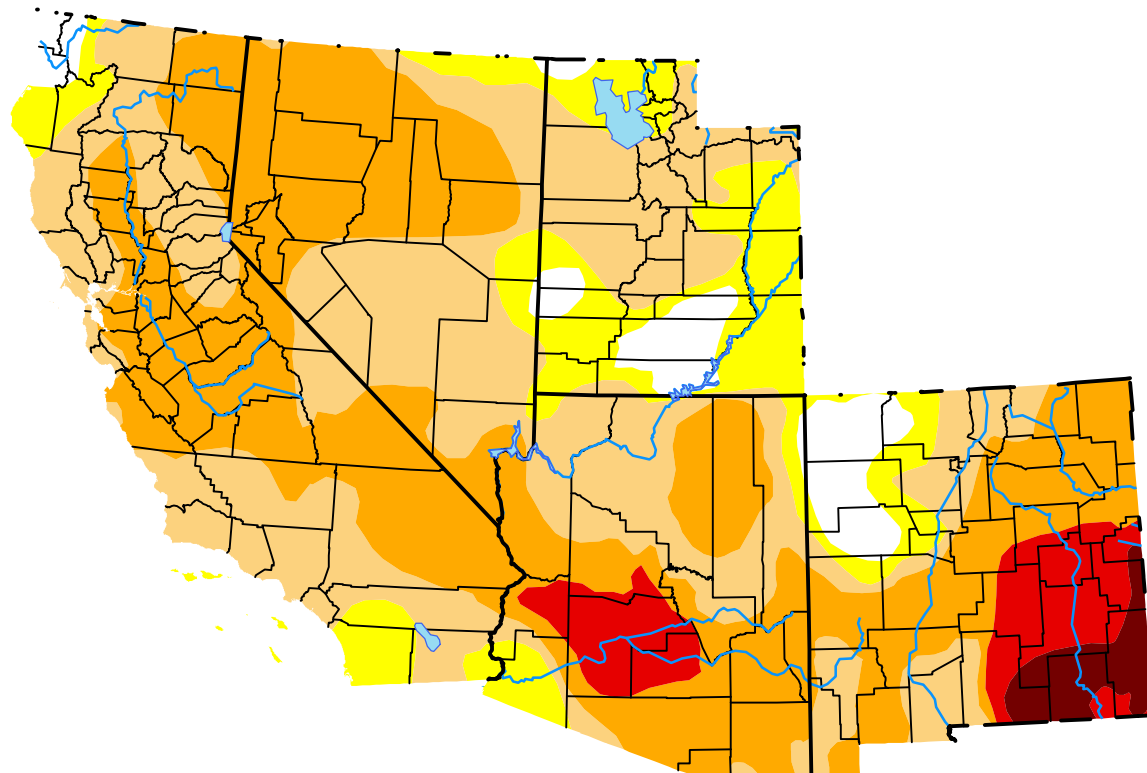


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.28	94.72	81.99	46.12	7.57	1.86
Last Week 03-22-2012	5.42	94.58	81.99	43.98	6.79	1.86
3 Months Ago 12-29-2011	32.39	67.61	32.34	22.04	5.32	1.55
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2012	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year 09-29-2011	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago 03-31-2011	64.93	35.07	28.22	19.29	4.24	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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