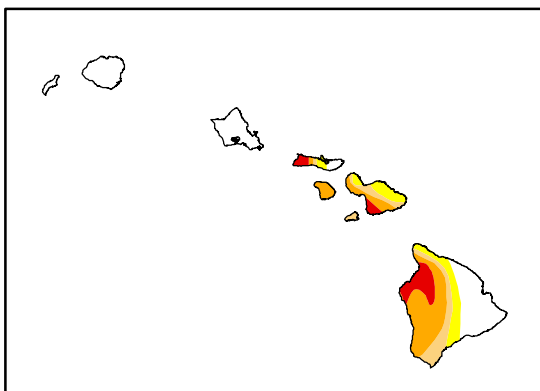
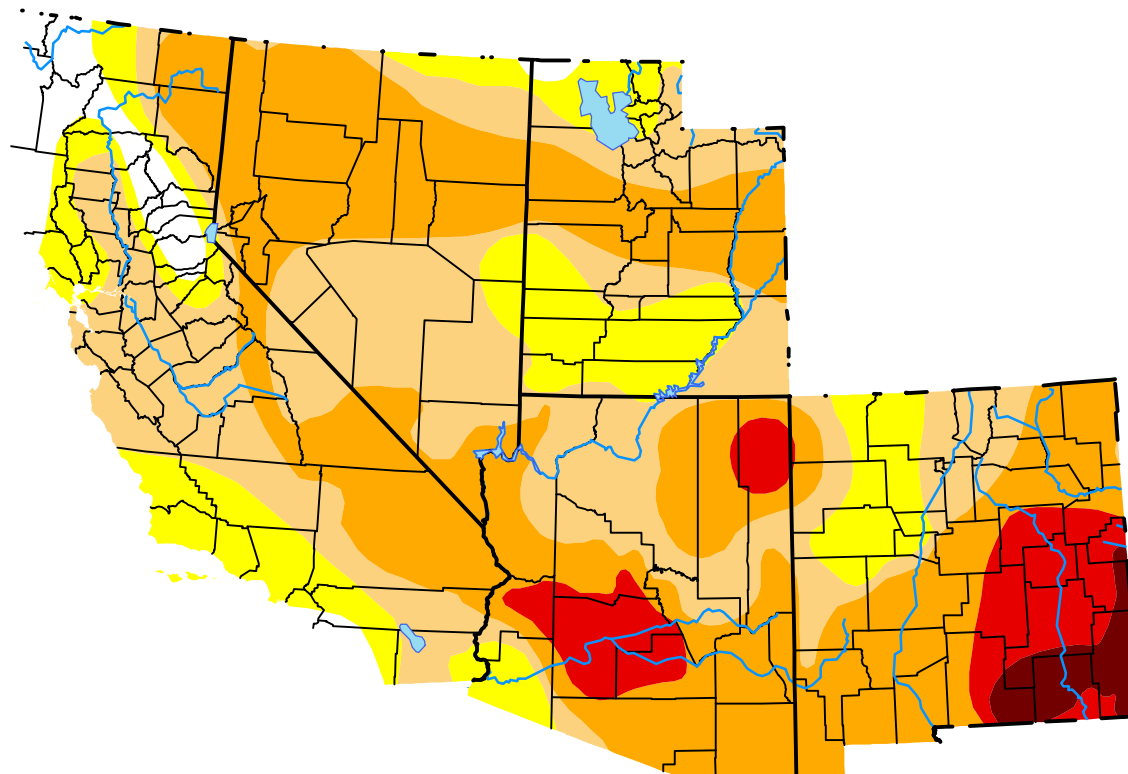


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**April 24, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Apr. 26, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 4.80  | 16.34 | 31.60 | 38.47 | 6.98  | 1.81 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>04-19-2012              | 4.79  | 17.37 | 34.09 | 36.14 | 5.80  | 1.81 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>01-26-2012           | 10.21 | 31.99 | 37.46 | 15.00 | 3.79  | 1.54 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2012 | 29.38 | 22.20 | 26.39 | 16.71 | 3.78  | 1.55 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2011    | 53.67 | 12.76 | 7.04  | 9.37  | 9.67  | 7.49 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>04-28-2011           | 62.04 | 6.66  | 11.72 | 5.96  | 13.61 | 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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