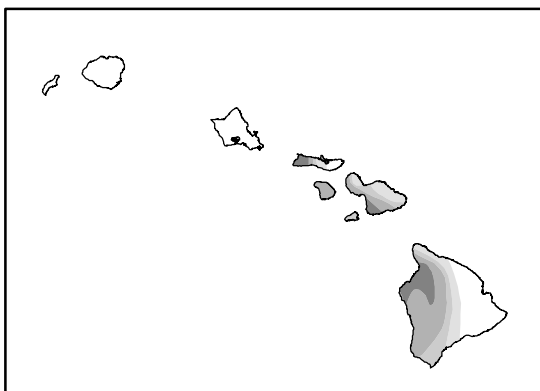
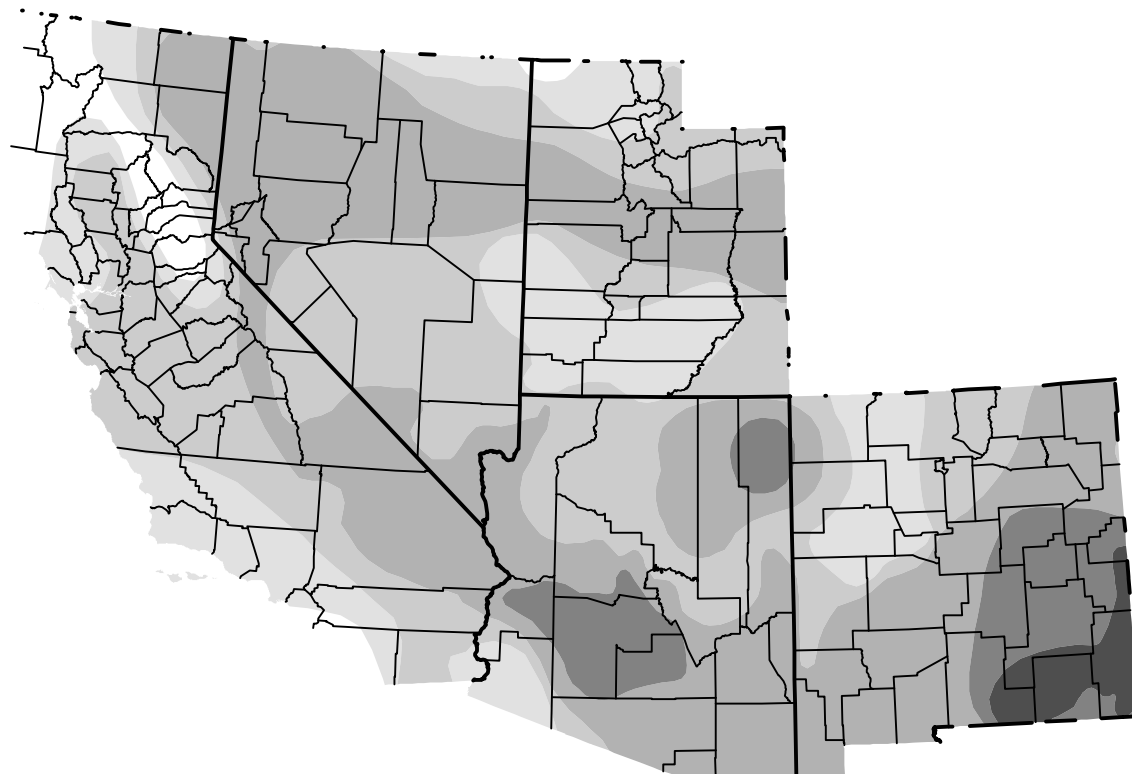


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.80	95.20	78.86	47.26	8.79	1.81
Last Week 04-19-2012	4.79	95.21	77.84	43.75	7.61	1.81
3 Months Ago 01-26-2012	10.21	89.79	57.79	20.33	5.34	1.54
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 04-28-2011	62.04	37.96	31.29	19.57	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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