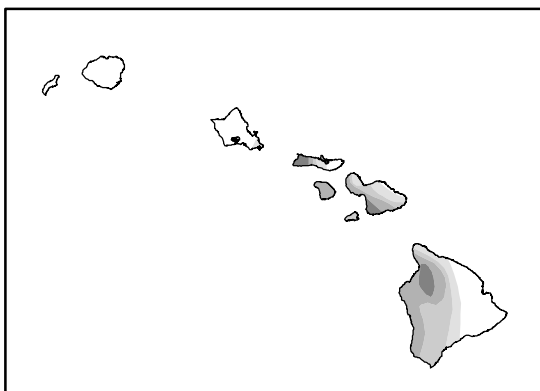
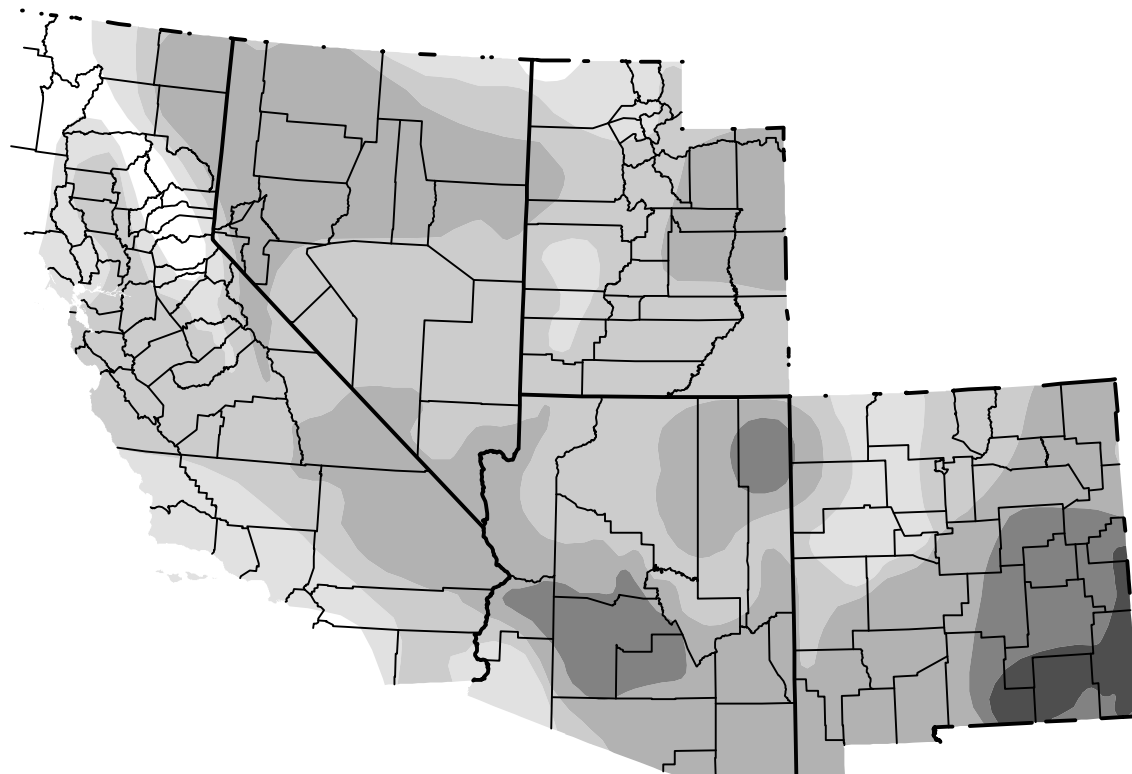


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 4.80  | 12.98 | 36.26 | 37.21 | 6.94  | 1.81 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-26-2012</i>              | 4.80  | 16.34 | 31.60 | 38.47 | 6.98  | 1.81 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-02-2012</i>           | 7.99  | 24.20 | 47.45 | 14.73 | 3.97  | 1.66 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 29.38 | 22.20 | 26.39 | 16.71 | 3.78  | 1.55 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 53.67 | 12.76 | 7.04  | 9.37  | 9.67  | 7.49 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-05-2011</i>           | 62.04 | 6.66  | 7.33  | 8.50  | 12.67 | 2.78 |

## 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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