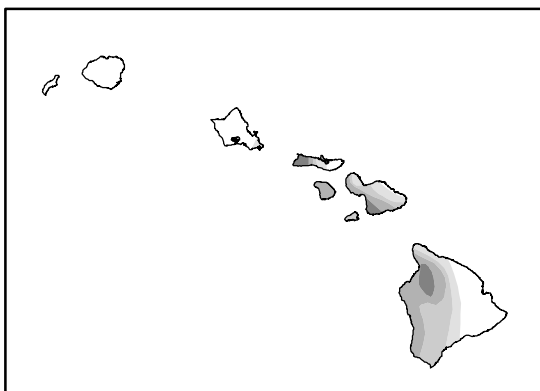
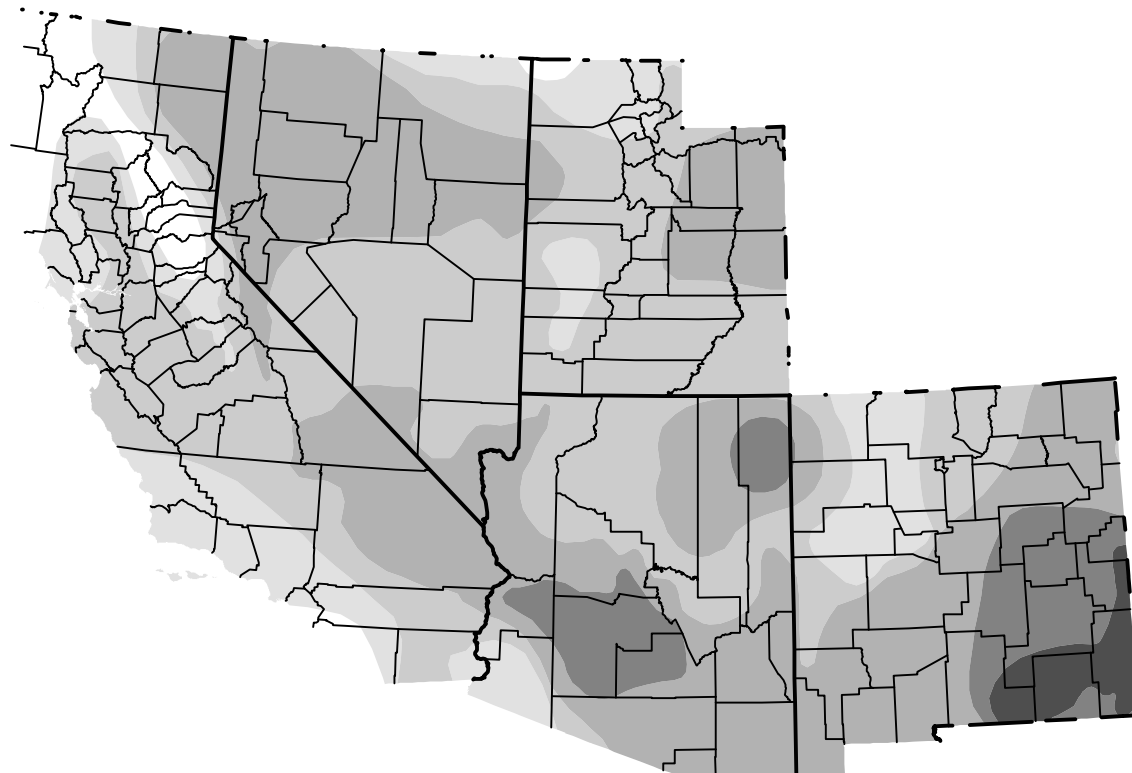


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.80	95.20	82.22	45.95	8.75	1.81
Last Week <i>04-26-2012</i>	4.80	95.20	78.86	47.26	8.79	1.81
3 Months Ago <i>02-02-2012</i>	7.99	92.01	67.81	20.36	5.63	1.66
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago <i>05-05-2011</i>	62.04	37.96	31.29	23.96	15.46	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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