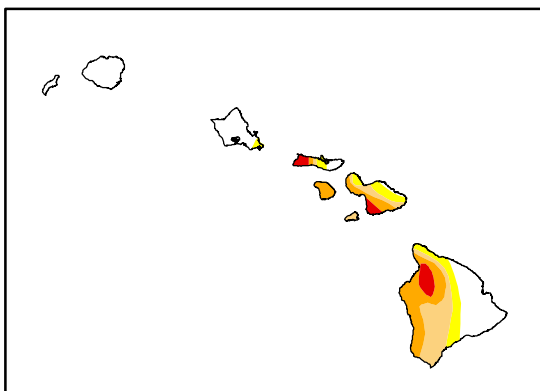
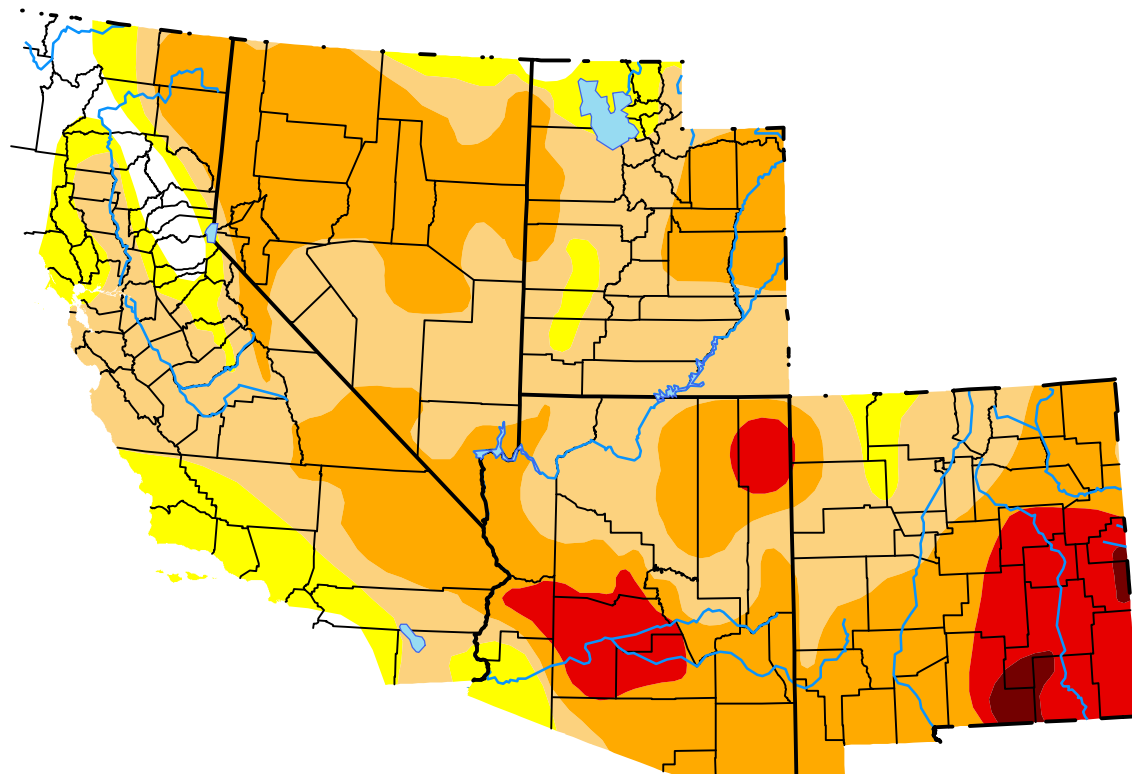


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 4.81  | 10.76 | 36.79 | 38.89 | 8.04 | 0.71 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>05-03-2012              | 4.80  | 12.98 | 36.26 | 37.21 | 6.94 | 1.81 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>02-09-2012           | 6.85  | 23.32 | 49.33 | 14.86 | 3.98 | 1.66 |
| <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>05-12-2011           | 61.97 | 6.80  | 7.31  | 8.48  | 9.29 | 6.15 |

## 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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