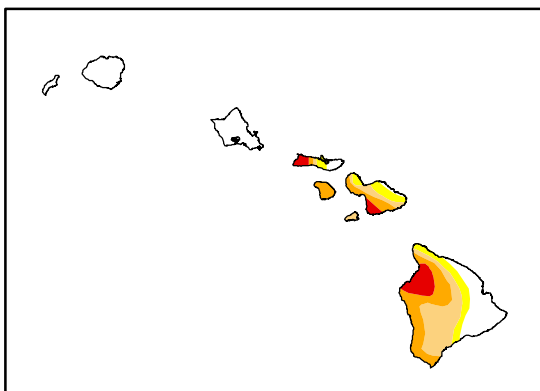
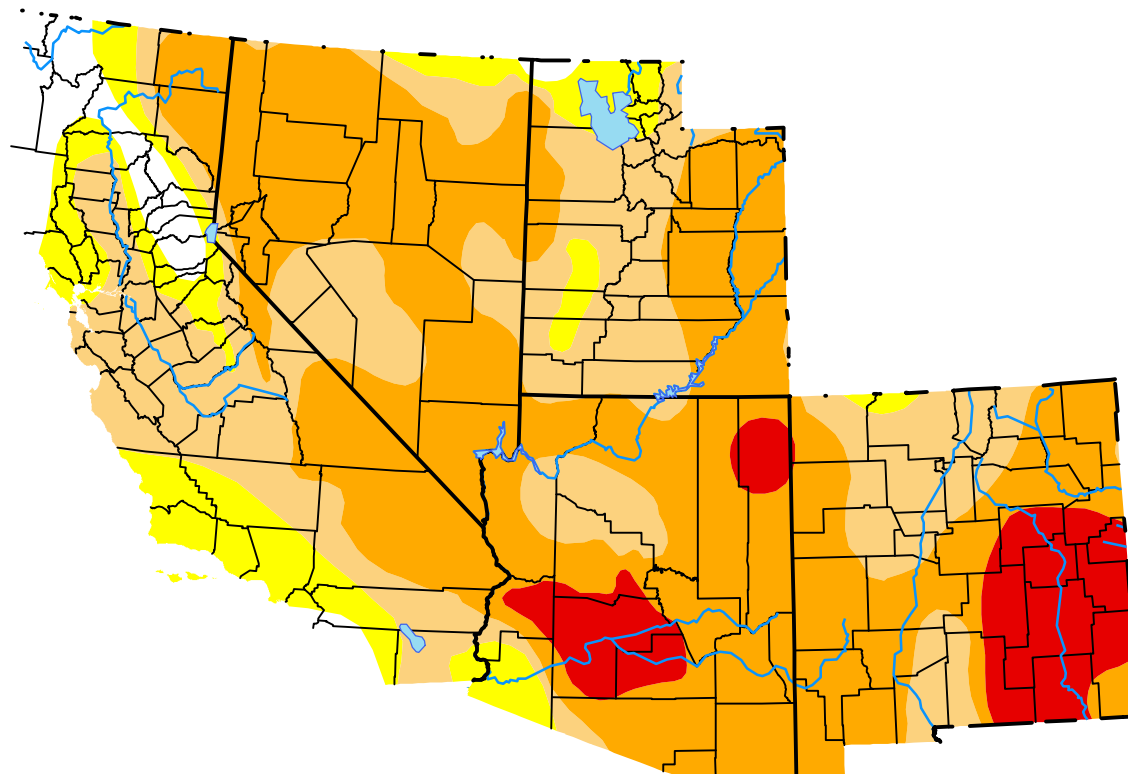


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.78	95.22	85.08	56.05	8.11	0.00
Last Week 05-17-2012	4.81	95.19	84.43	49.59	8.08	0.14
3 Months Ago 02-23-2012	6.22	93.78	72.29	21.27	5.11	1.66
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 05-26-2011	63.78	36.22	30.51	23.36	16.22	6.48

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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