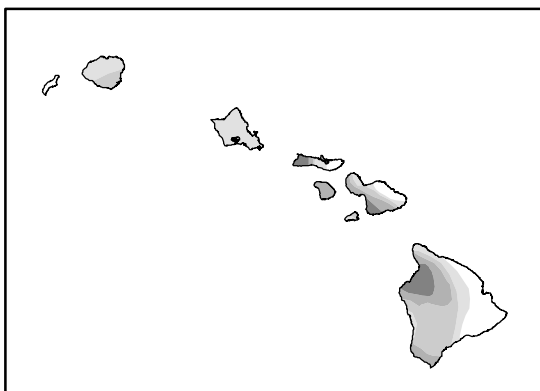
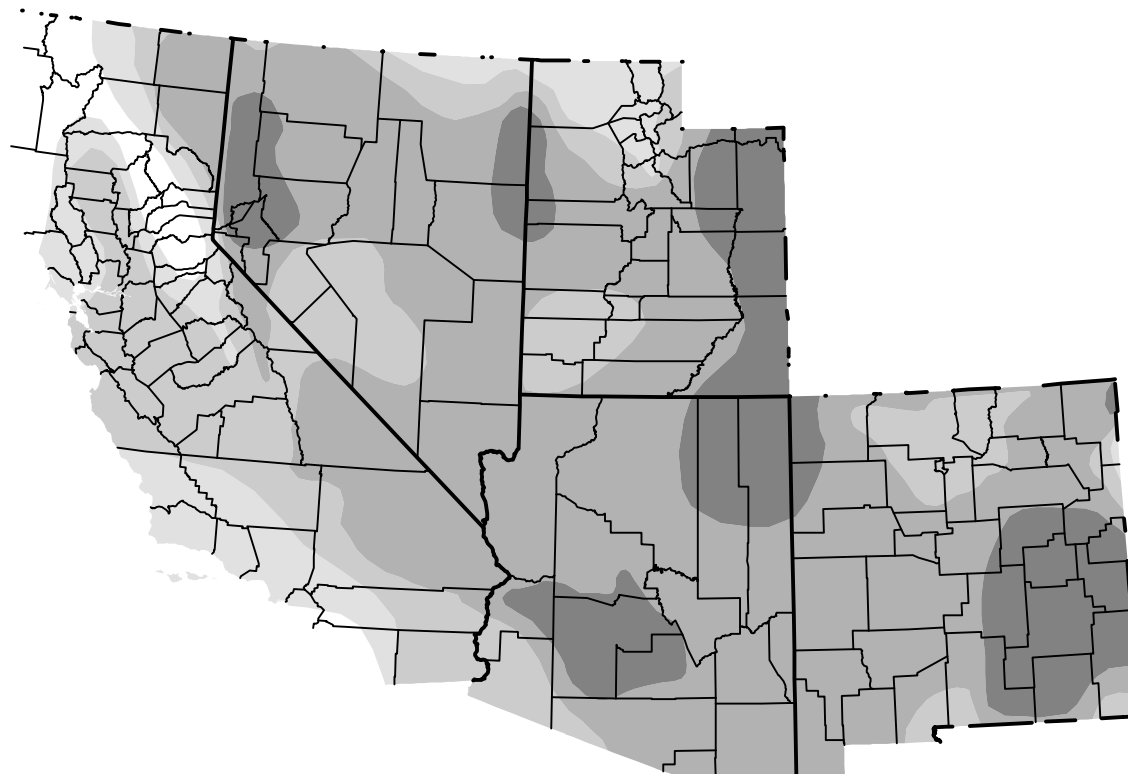


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.44	8.84	20.37	50.10	16.26	0.00
Last Week 06-28-2012	4.44	9.14	20.10	50.21	16.11	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-05-2012	3.13	14.66	35.75	38.89	5.72	1.84
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2012	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
Start of Water Year 09-29-2011	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
One Year Ago 07-07-2011	55.59	11.78	5.78	7.16	8.60	11.10

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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