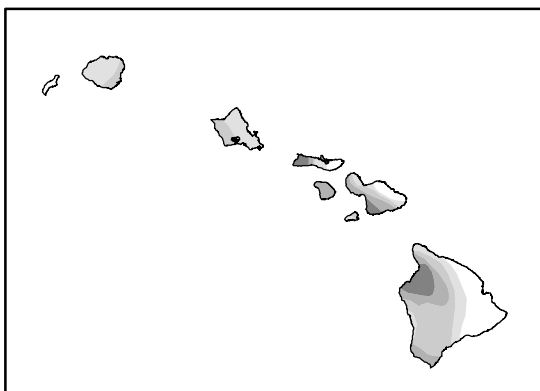
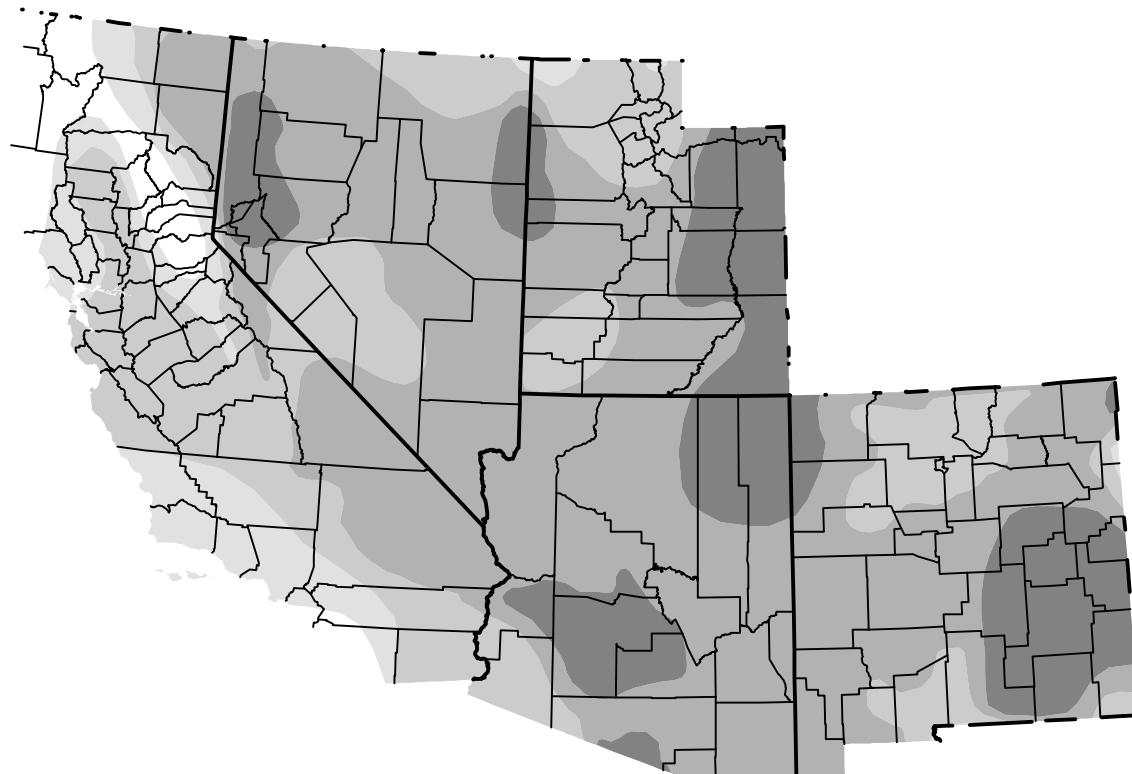


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.45	7.05	22.93	48.41	17.15	0.00
Last Week <i>07-12-2012</i>	4.45	8.78	21.17	48.45	17.15	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-19-2012</i>	4.79	17.37	34.09	36.14	5.80	1.81
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
One Year Ago <i>07-21-2011</i>	56.77	10.85	6.22	7.30	8.12	10.75

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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