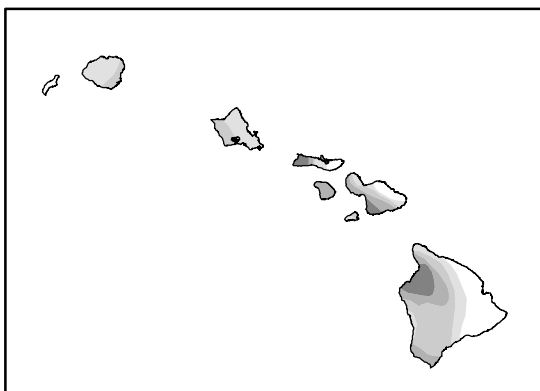
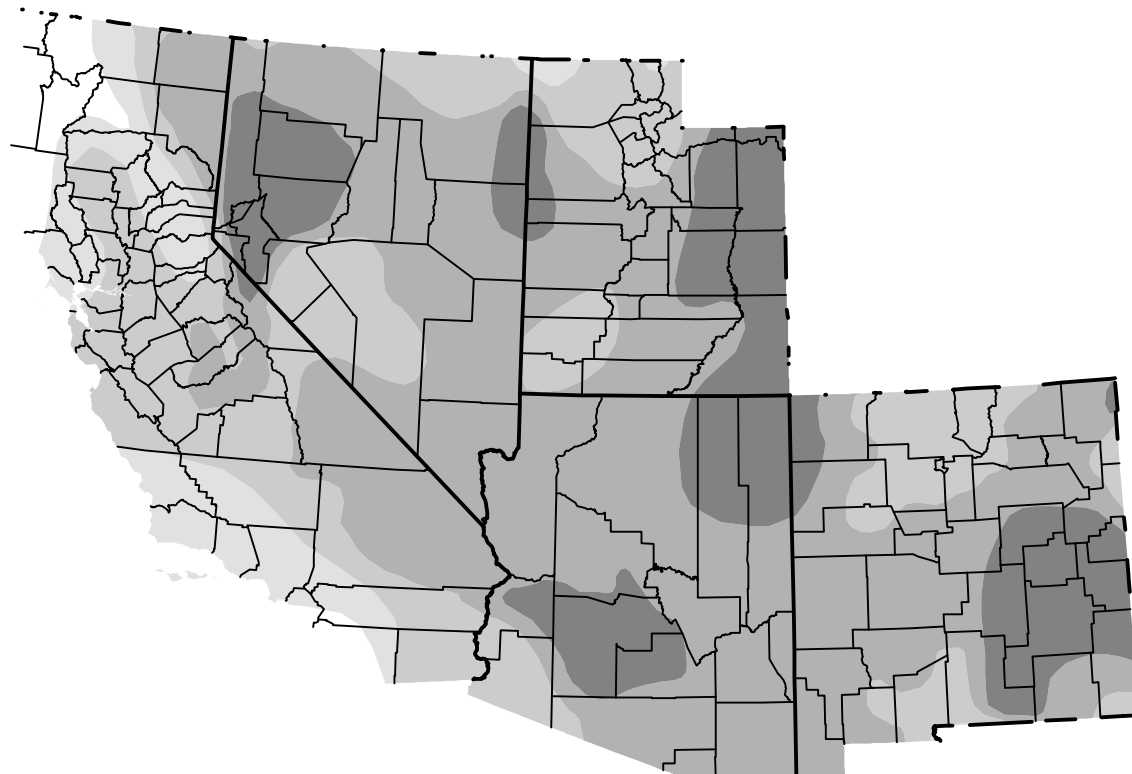


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.33	7.05	23.32	48.37	17.93	0.00
Last Week 07-19-2012	4.45	7.05	22.93	48.41	17.15	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-26-2012	4.80	16.34	31.60	38.47	6.98	1.81
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 07-28-2011	56.77	10.85	6.22	7.28	8.21	10.68

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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