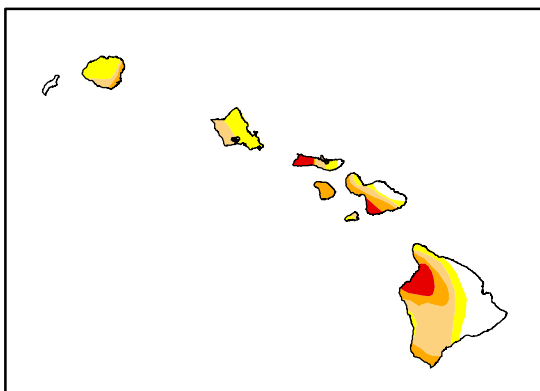
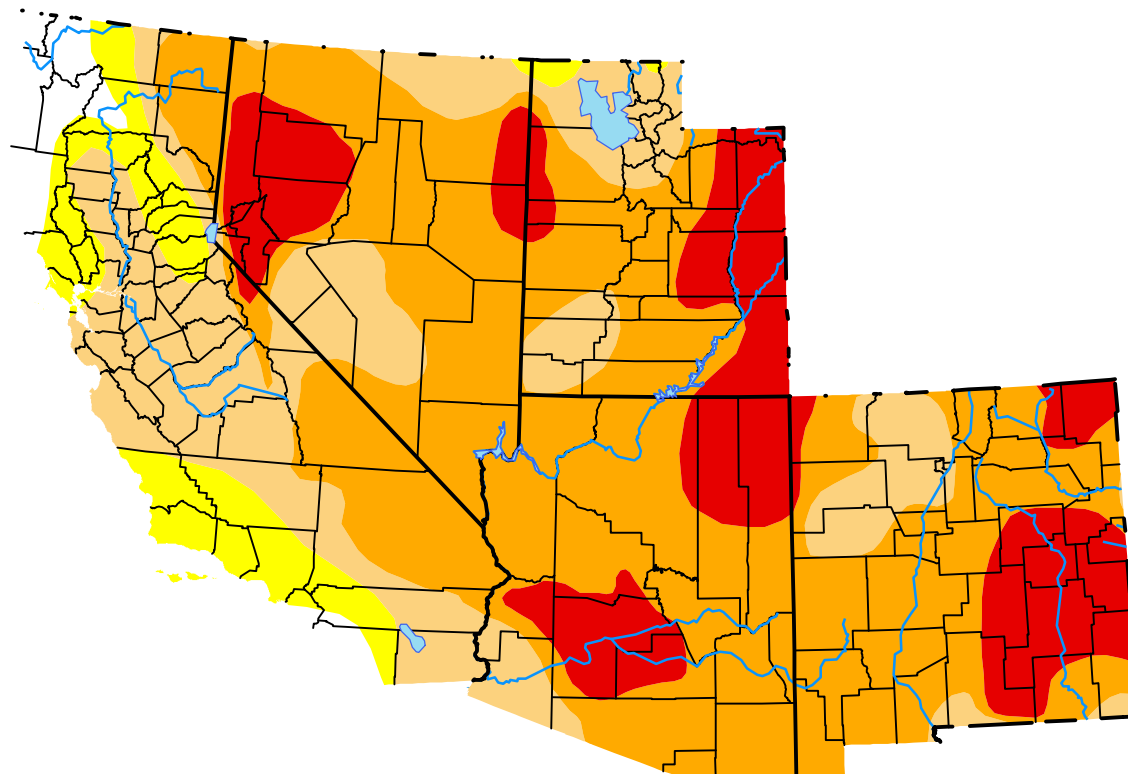


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.23	7.11	22.88	48.75	18.03	0.00
Last Week 08-09-2012	3.32	7.04	23.86	47.81	17.98	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-17-2012	4.81	10.76	34.84	41.51	7.94	0.14
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 08-18-2011	56.65	10.48	6.86	8.07	8.89	9.05

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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