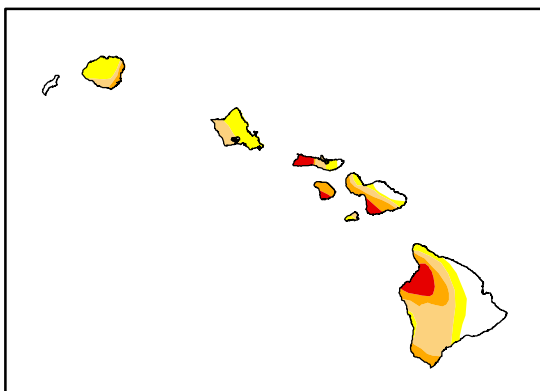
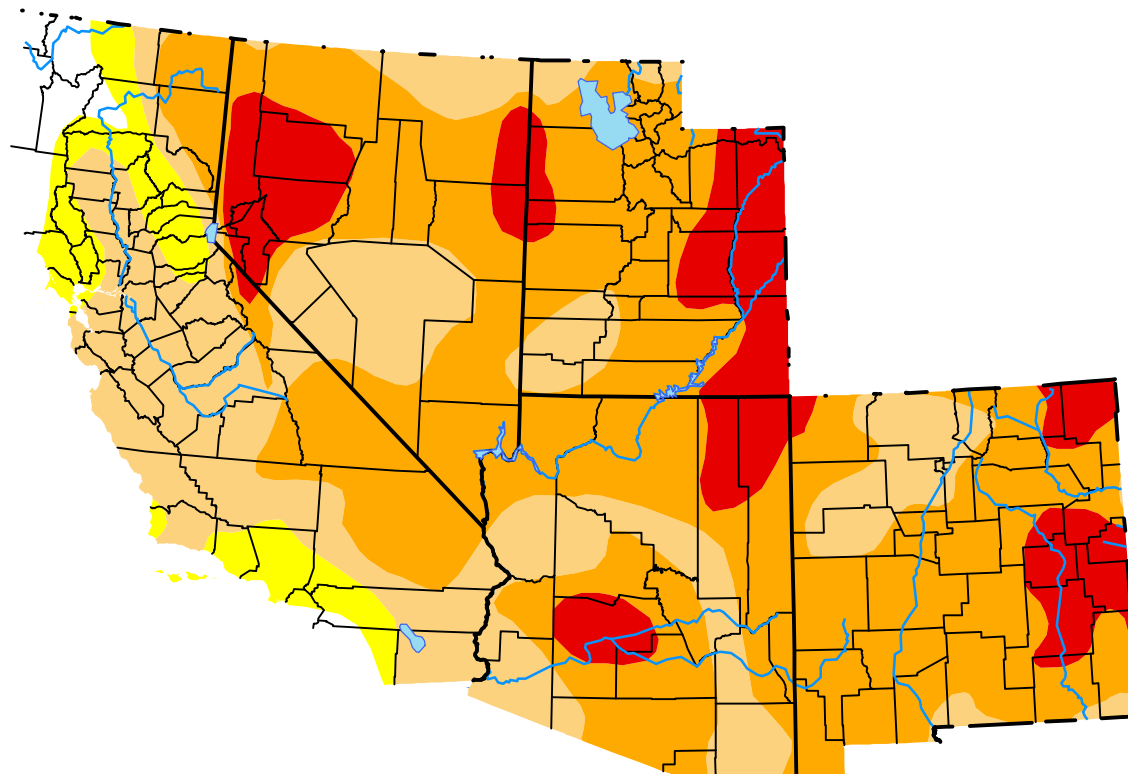


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.23	96.77	91.34	62.81	13.52	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2012</i>	3.23	96.77	89.66	66.78	18.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2012</i>	4.78	95.22	85.08	56.05	8.11	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago <i>08-25-2011</i>	56.65	43.35	32.89	25.40	17.60	9.15

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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