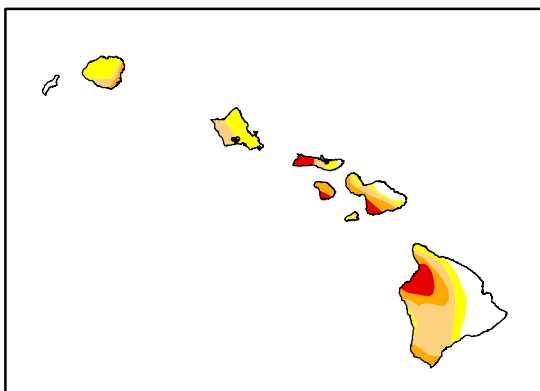
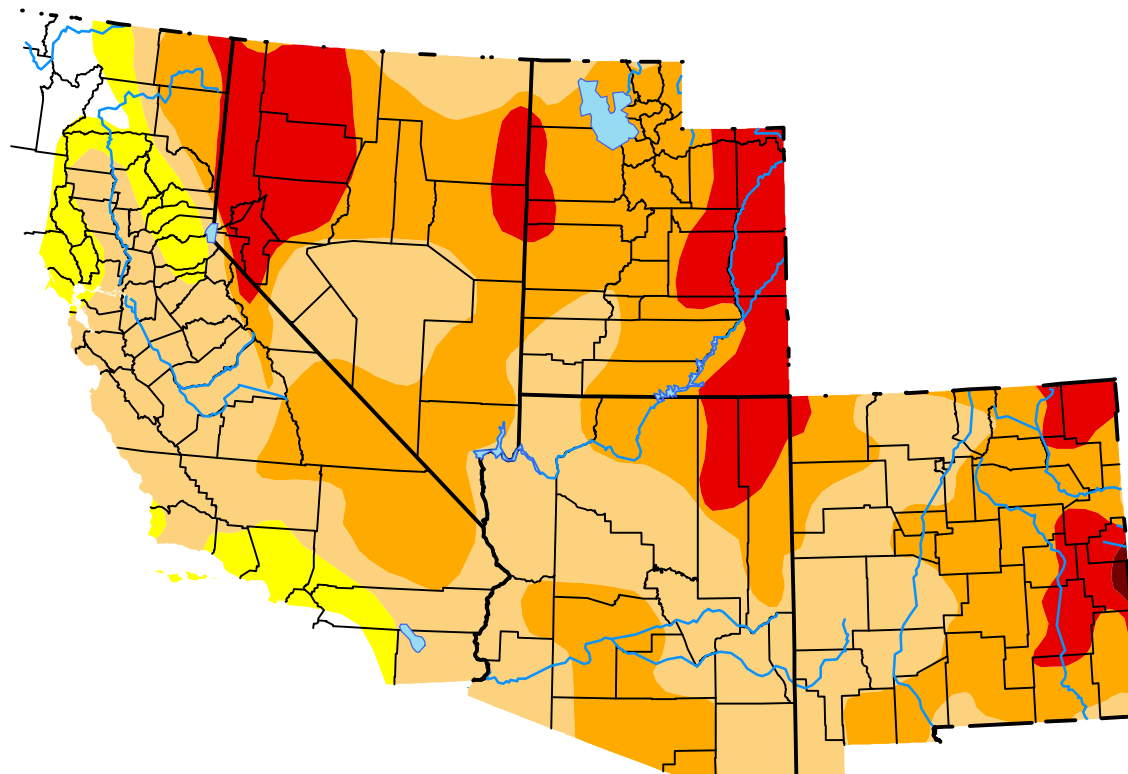


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.34	5.25	38.79	38.81	13.66	0.14
Last Week 08-23-2012	3.23	5.43	28.54	49.28	13.52	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-31-2012	4.78	9.99	29.40	47.78	8.05	0.00
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 09-01-2011	56.66	8.78	8.92	8.75	10.32	6.57

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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