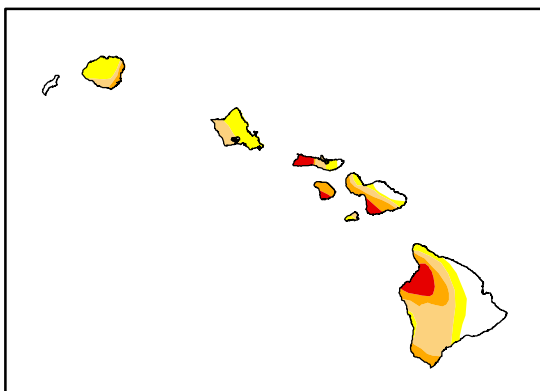
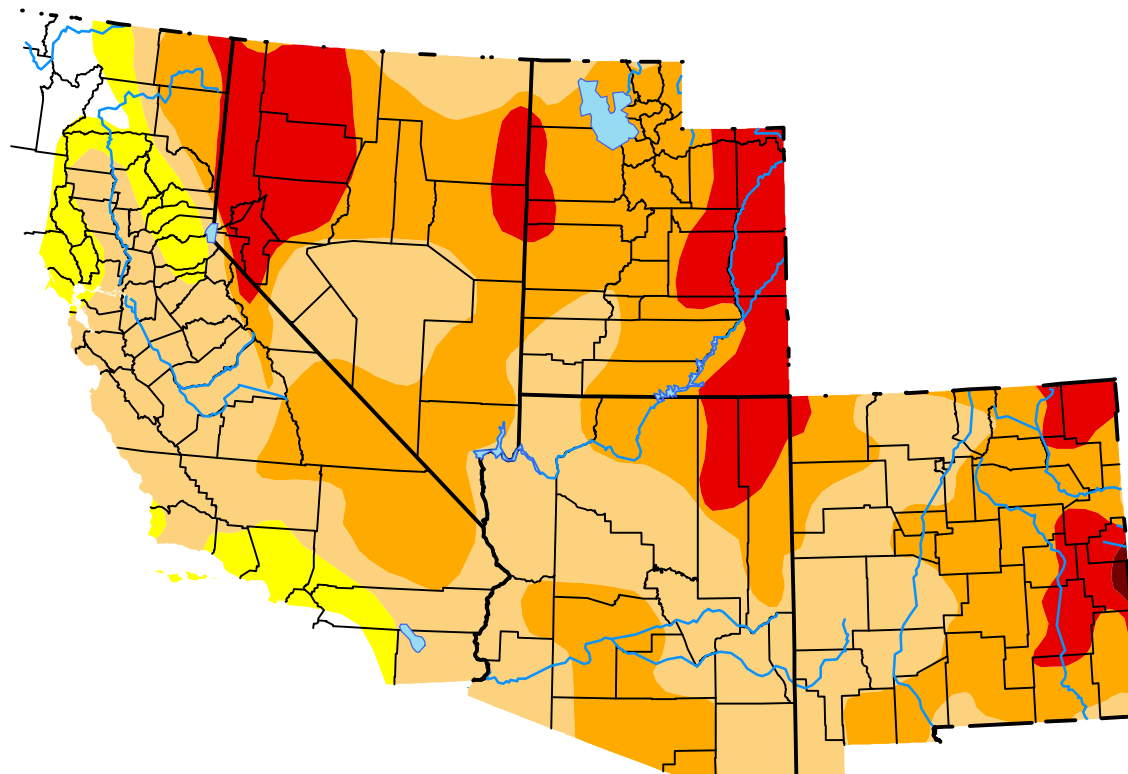


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 3.34  | 96.66 | 91.40 | 52.61 | 13.80 | 0.14 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>08-23-2012              | 3.23  | 96.77 | 91.34 | 62.81 | 13.52 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>05-31-2012           | 4.78  | 95.22 | 85.23 | 55.83 | 8.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2012 | 29.38 | 70.62 | 48.42 | 22.03 | 5.32  | 1.55 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2011    | 53.67 | 46.33 | 33.57 | 26.53 | 17.16 | 7.49 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>09-01-2011           | 56.66 | 43.34 | 34.56 | 25.64 | 16.88 | 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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