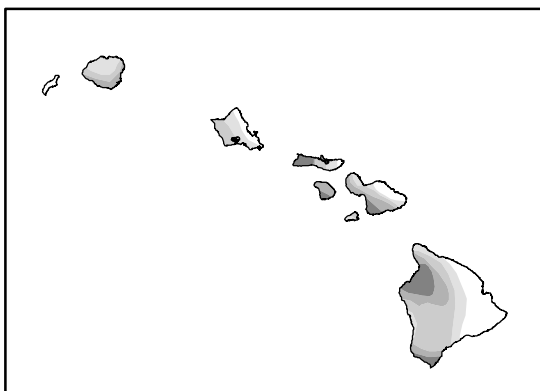
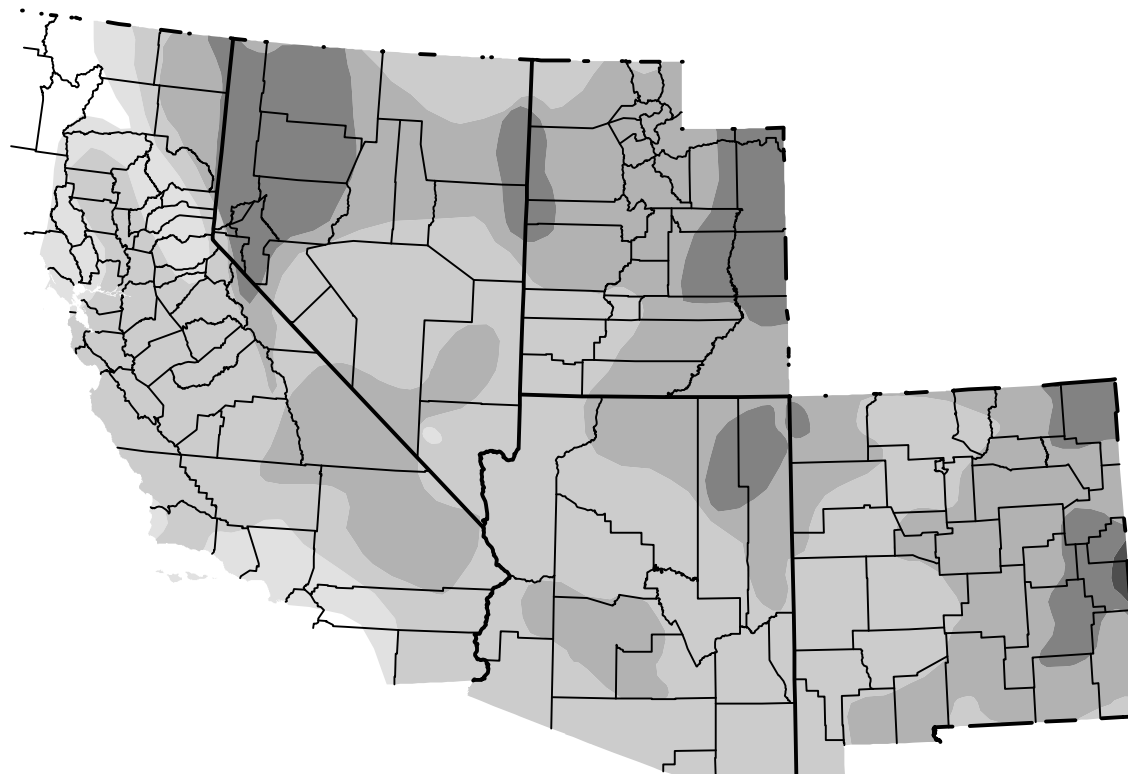


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.42	5.29	43.94	35.16	12.06	0.13
Last Week <i>09-13-2012</i>	3.34	5.31	41.76	37.03	12.42	0.13
3 Months Ago <i>06-21-2012</i>	4.61	8.97	24.96	50.97	10.48	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	7.49
One Year Ago <i>09-22-2011</i>	53.67	12.78	7.03	9.38	9.66	7.49

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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