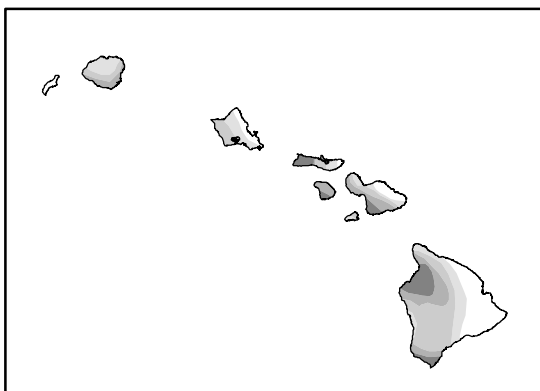
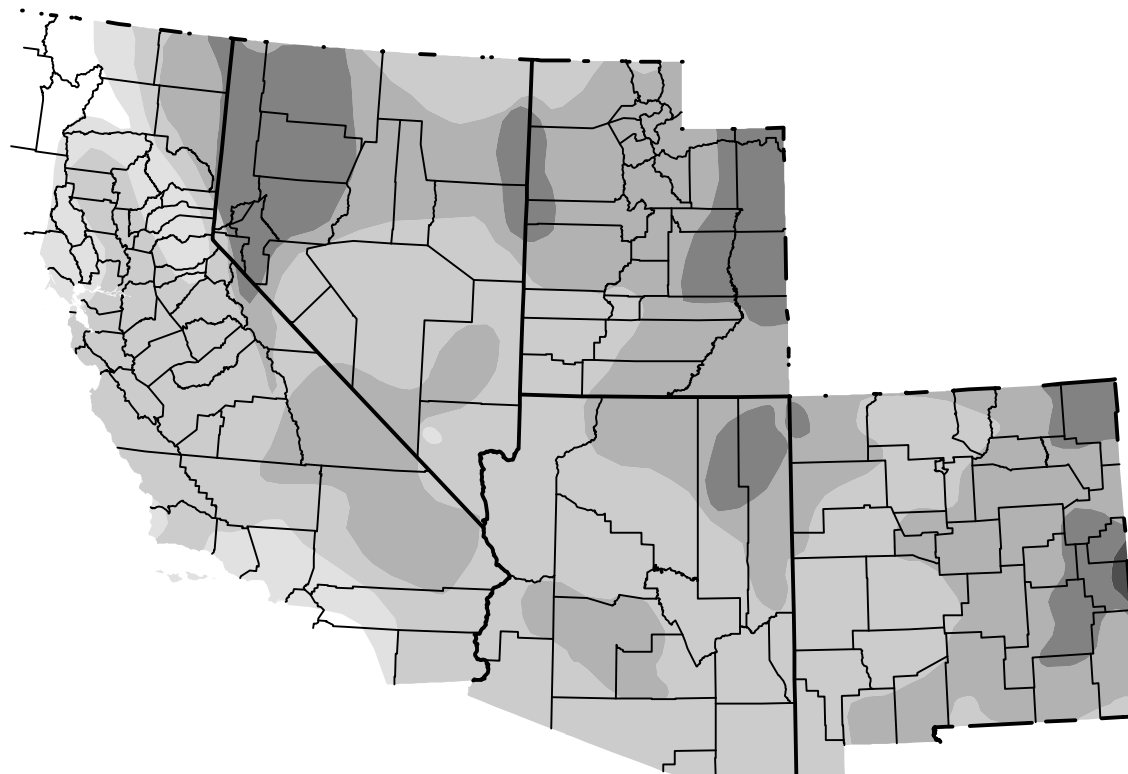


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.42	96.58	91.29	47.35	12.19	0.13
Last Week <i>09-13-2012</i>	3.34	96.66	91.34	49.58	12.56	0.13
3 Months Ago <i>06-21-2012</i>	4.61	95.39	86.41	61.45	10.48	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>09-22-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.55	26.53	17.15	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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