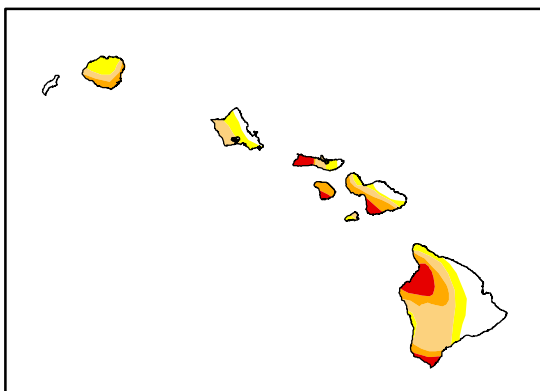
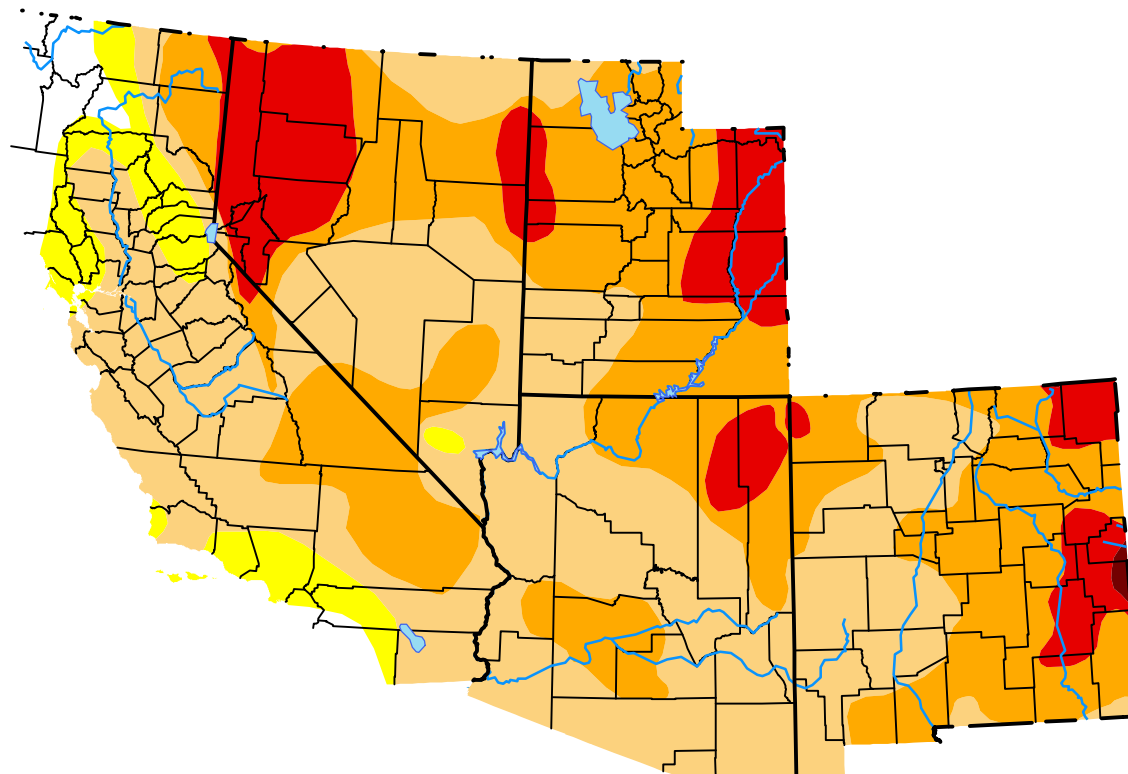


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
Last Week 09-20-2012	3.42	5.29	43.94	35.16	12.06	0.13
3 Months Ago 06-28-2012	4.44	9.14	20.10	50.21	16.11	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 09-29-2011	53.67	12.76	7.04	9.37	9.67	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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