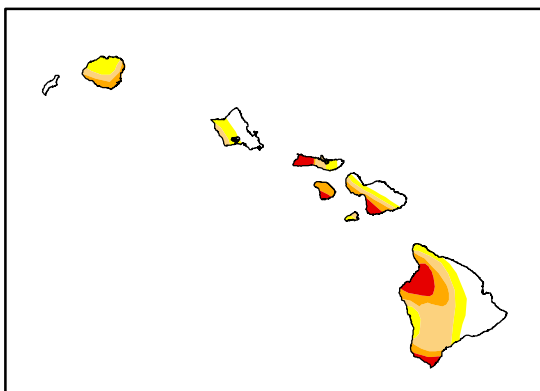
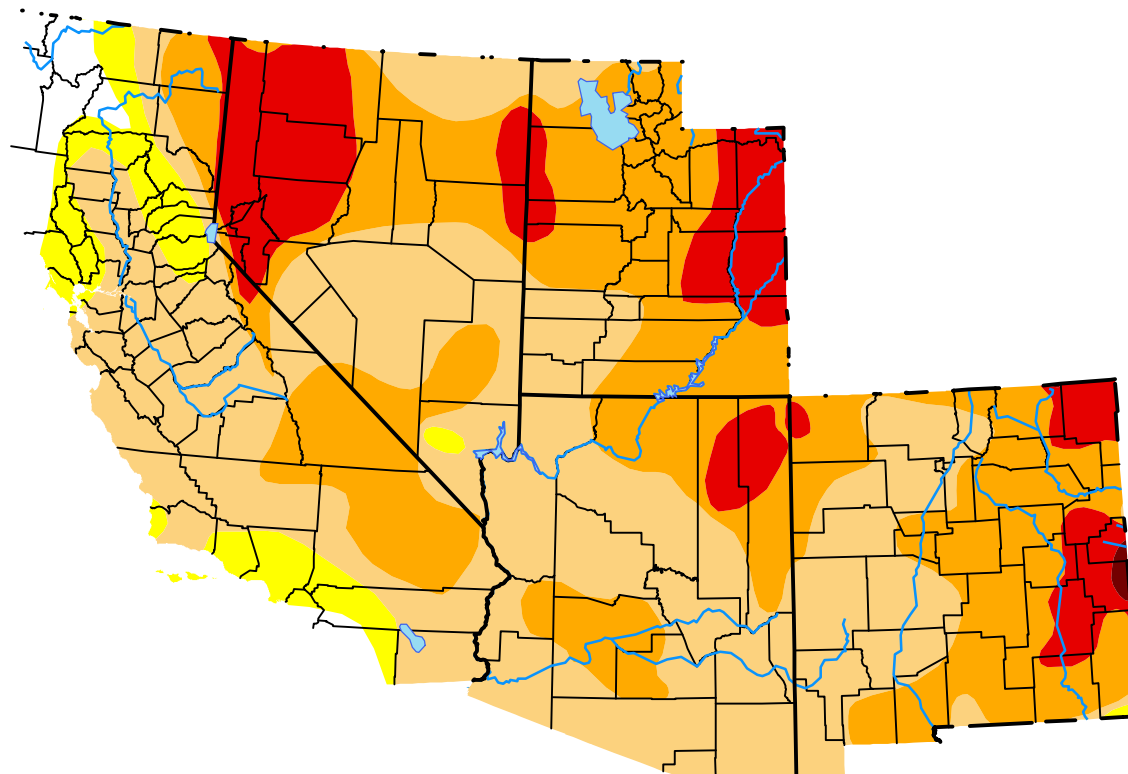


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.47	5.37	44.05	34.92	12.06	0.14
Last Week <i>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
3 Months Ago <i>07-05-2012</i>	4.44	8.84	20.37	50.10	16.26	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>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
One Year Ago <i>10-06-2011</i>	53.71	12.70	7.03	9.38	9.50	7.68

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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