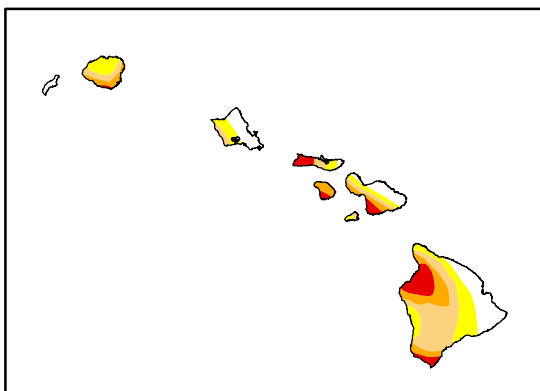
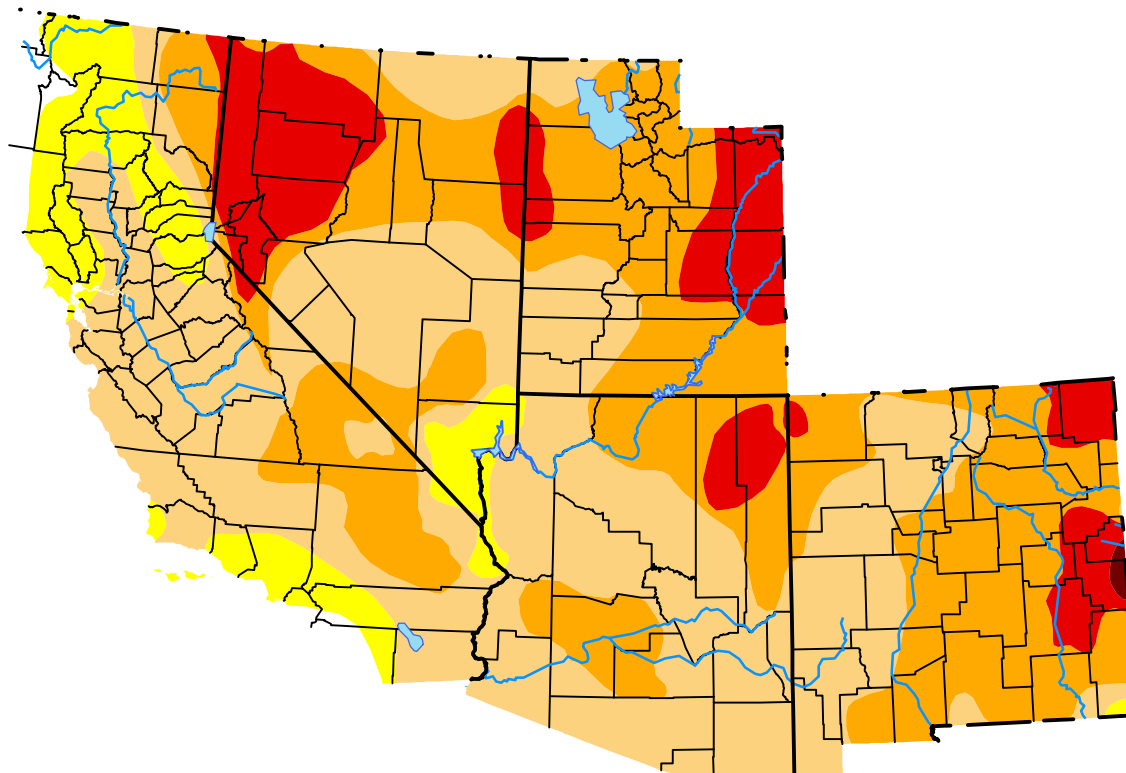


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.01	8.26	43.18	34.40	12.01	0.14
Last Week <i>10-11-2012</i>	2.06	6.71	44.12	34.79	12.18	0.14
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2012</i>	4.45	7.05	22.93	48.41	17.15	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>10-20-2011</i>	55.21	12.41	6.44	10.15	10.17	5.62

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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