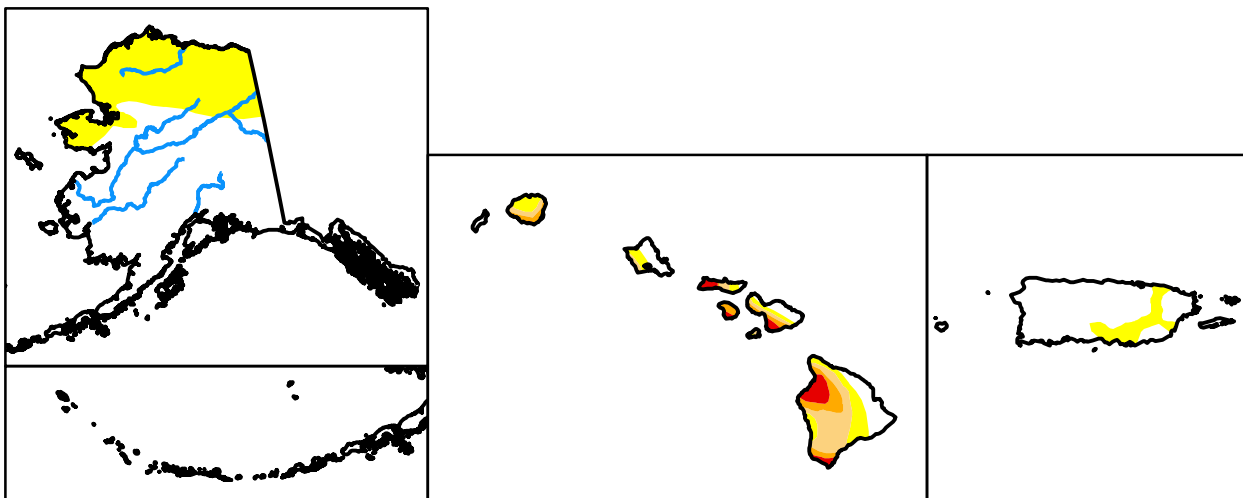
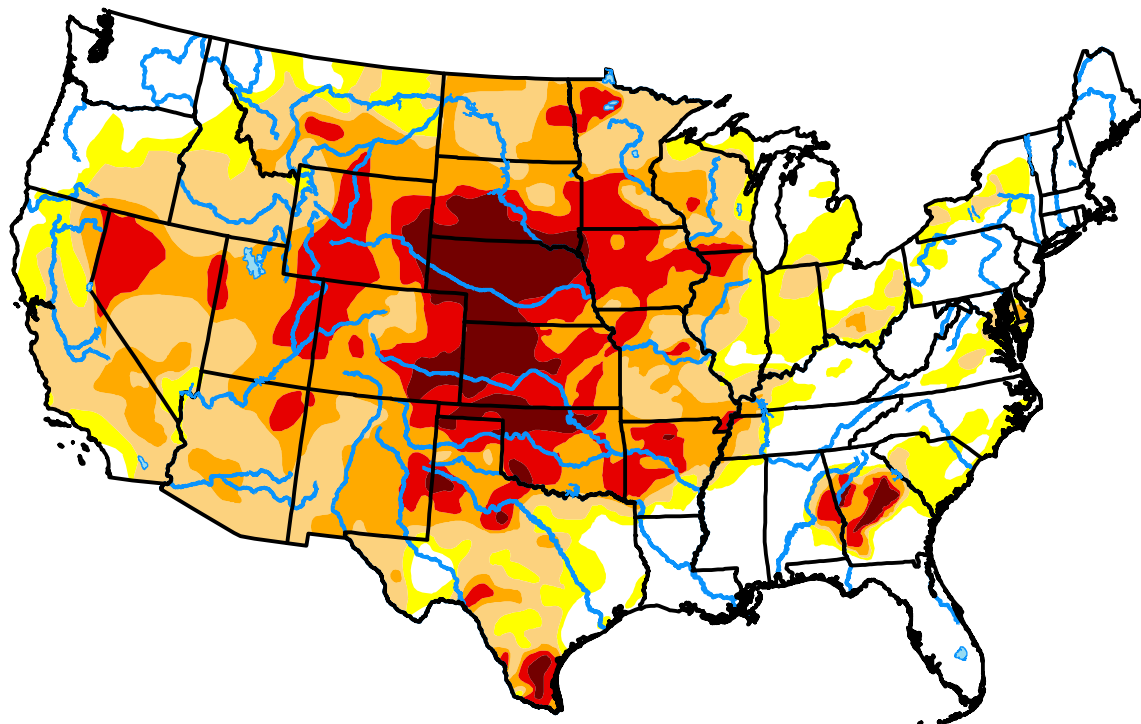


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	32.45	15.33	19.73	16.53	11.08	4.88
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	30.99	15.82	19.79	16.53	11.69	5.17
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	27.62	19.20	17.85	24.01	10.49	0.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.47	14.79	10.95	7.28	5.73	2.77
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	31.10	14.11	19.54	17.27	12.85	5.12
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	65.84	9.11	5.22	5.25	6.29	8.28

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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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