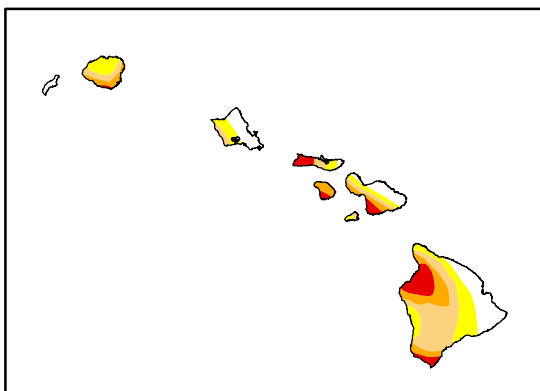
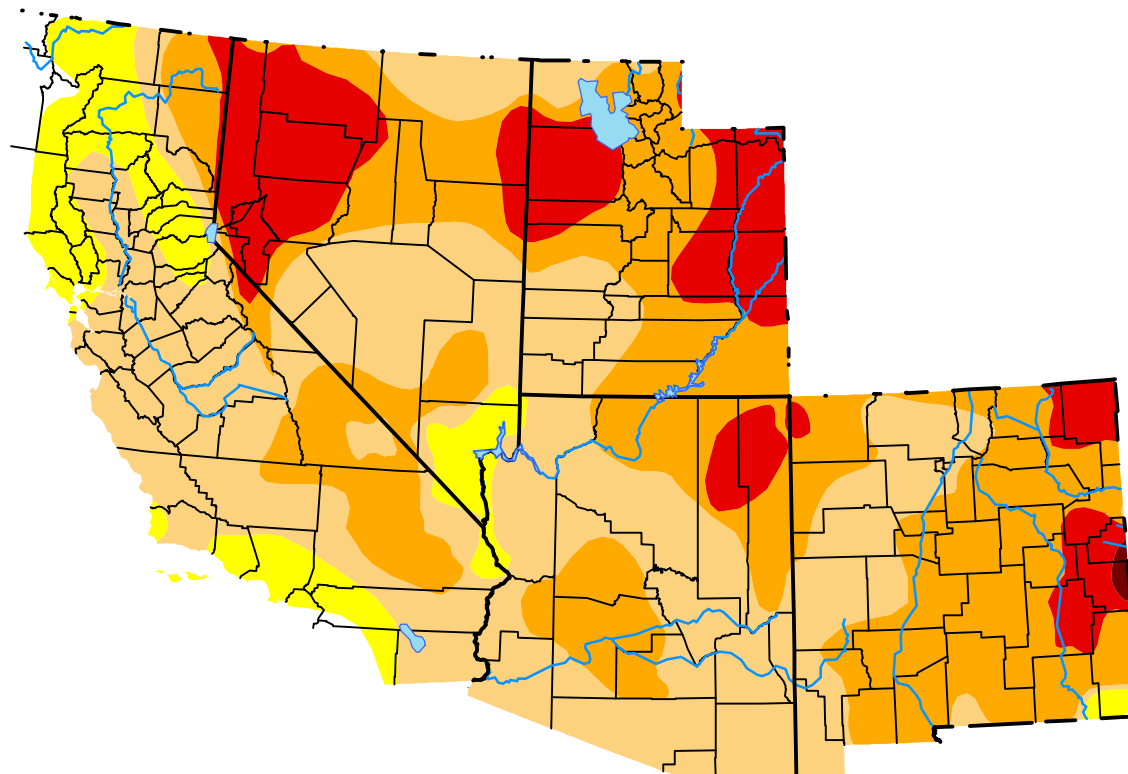


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 30, 2012**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 2.05  | 97.95 | 89.57 | 48.16 | 13.56 | 0.14 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-25-2012</i>              | 2.06  | 97.94 | 89.57 | 46.55 | 13.56 | 0.14 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>08-02-2012</i>           | 3.32  | 96.68 | 89.64 | 65.45 | 17.88 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 29.38 | 70.62 | 48.42 | 22.03 | 5.32  | 1.55 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 3.42  | 96.58 | 91.28 | 47.35 | 12.19 | 0.13 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>11-03-2011</i>           | 55.22 | 44.78 | 33.08 | 27.02 | 18.62 | 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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