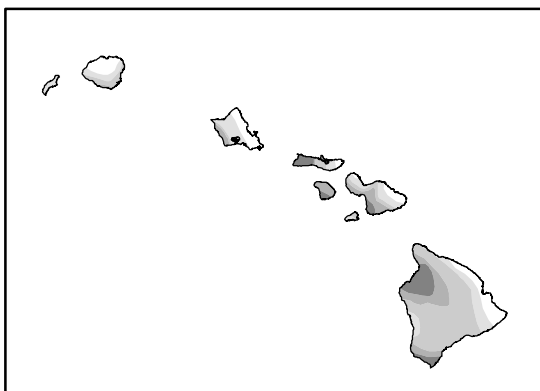
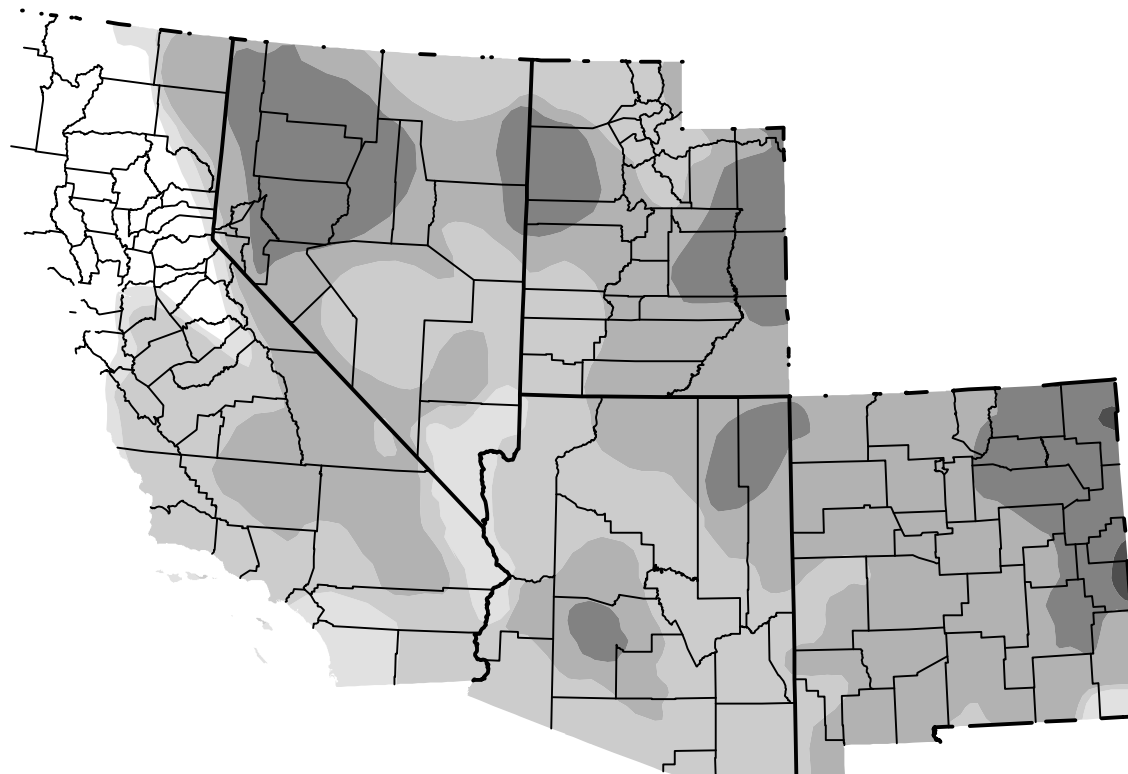


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.39	5.35	31.03	39.20	15.82	0.20
Last Week 12-20-2012	8.34	5.37	30.82	39.45	15.82	0.20
3 Months Ago 09-27-2012	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2012	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
Start of Water Year 09-27-2012	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
One Year Ago 12-29-2011	32.39	35.27	10.30	16.72	3.78	1.55

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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