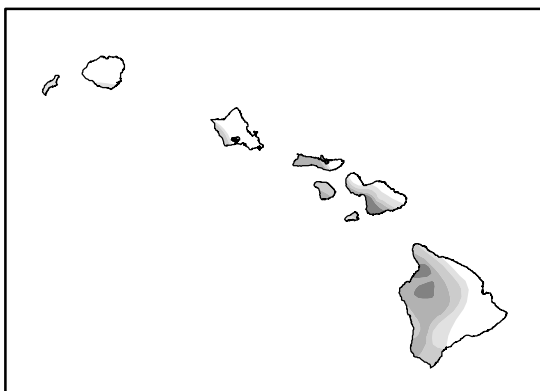
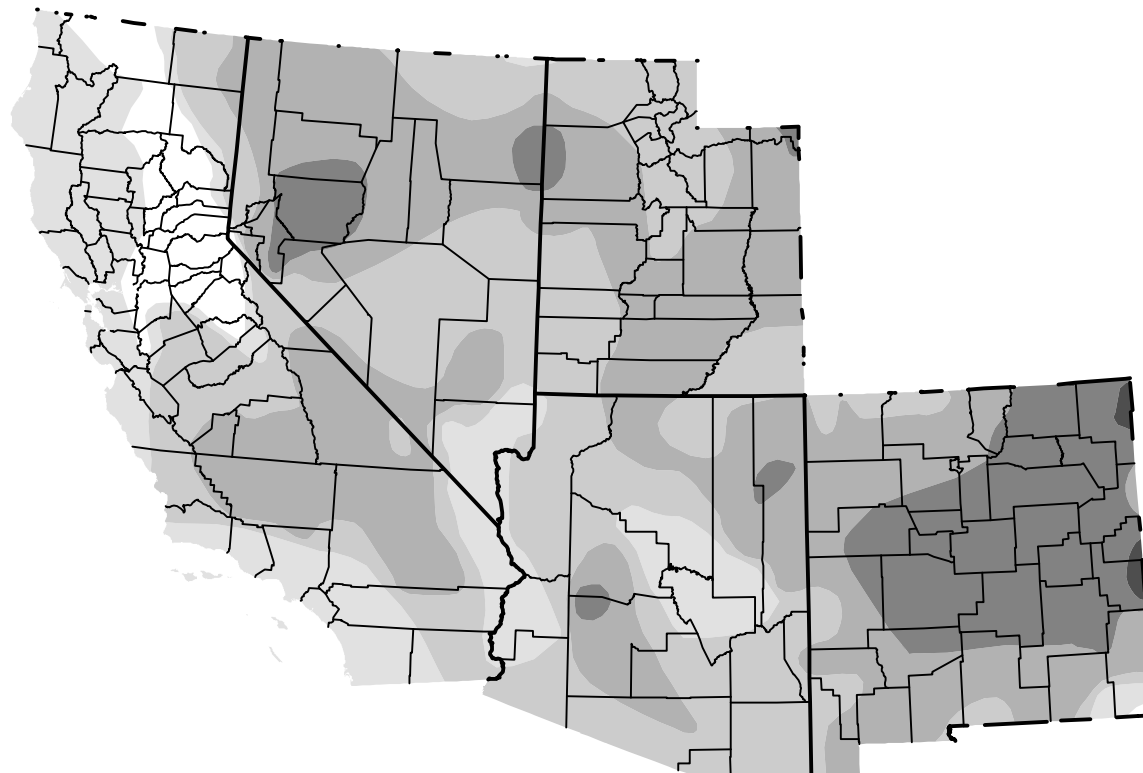


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**February 19, 2013**  
*(Released Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 4.58 | 14.74 | 31.80 | 36.29 | 12.34 | 0.25 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-14-2013</i>              | 9.65 | 8.81  | 32.67 | 41.24 | 7.44  | 0.20 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-22-2012</i>           | 1.30 | 9.34  | 39.17 | 35.06 | 14.93 | 0.20 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2013</i> | 8.61 | 5.37  | 32.31 | 39.34 | 14.18 | 0.20 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 3.42 | 5.30  | 43.92 | 35.16 | 12.06 | 0.13 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-23-2012</i>           | 6.22 | 21.48 | 51.03 | 16.16 | 3.45  | 1.66 |

### 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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