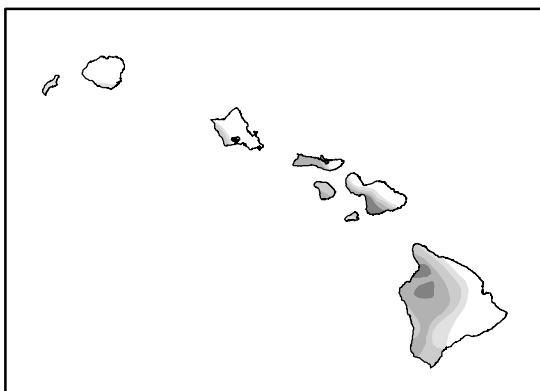
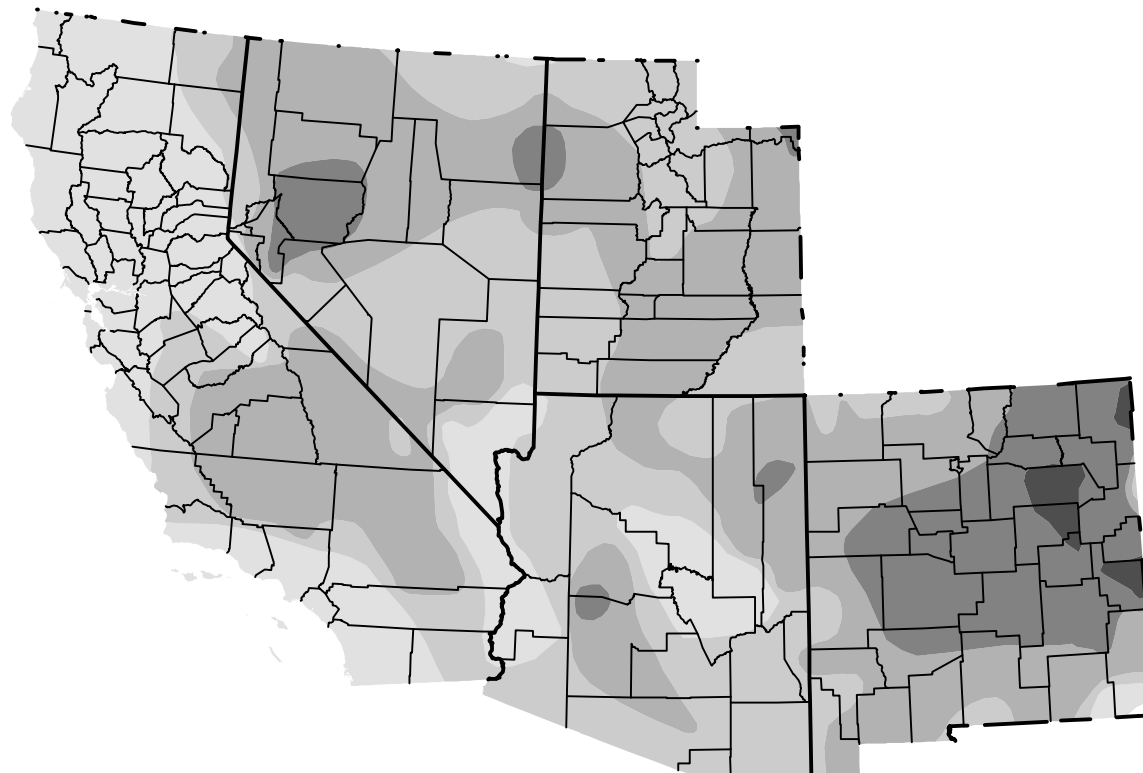


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.48	18.87	30.93	37.07	11.76	0.90
Last Week <i>02-21-2013</i>	4.58	14.74	31.80	36.29	12.34	0.25
3 Months Ago <i>11-29-2012</i>	1.81	8.08	34.06	40.43	15.43	0.20
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2013</i>	8.61	5.37	32.31	39.34	14.18	0.20
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>03-01-2012</i>	6.01	18.22	42.09	28.54	3.47	1.67

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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