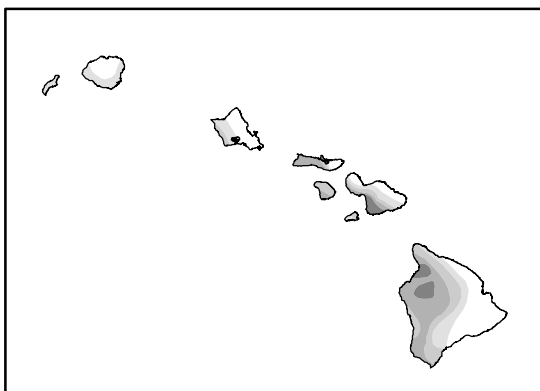
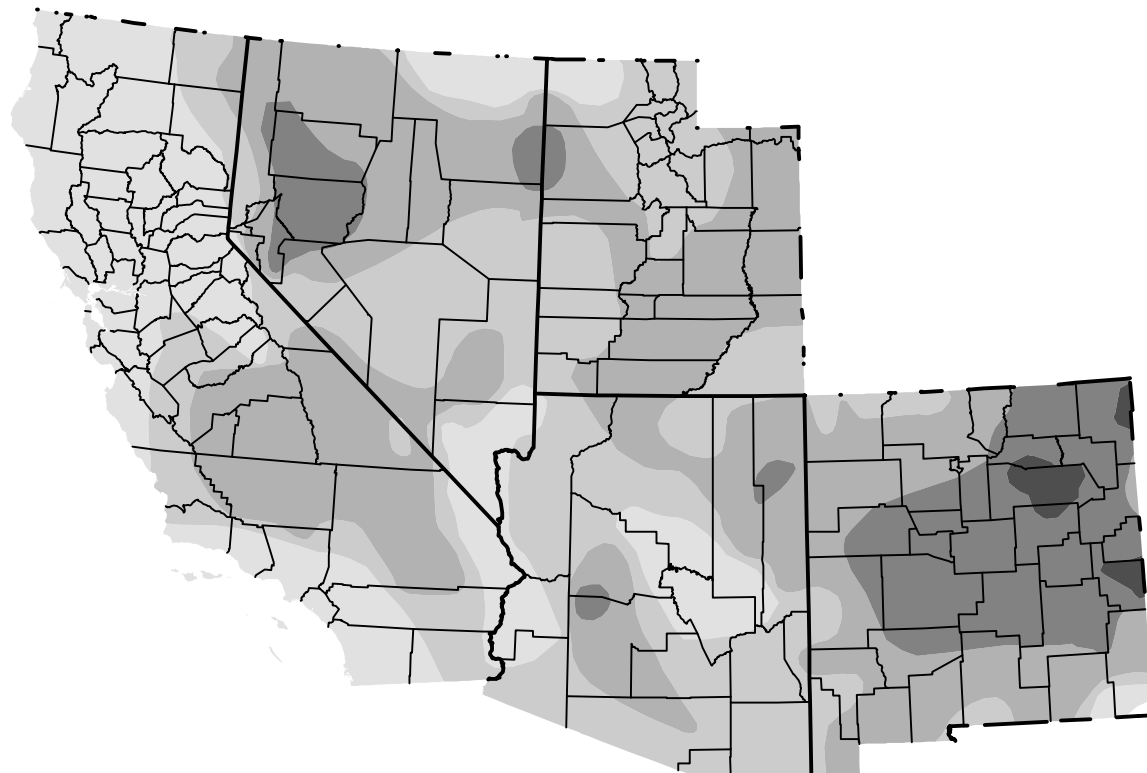


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.41	99.59	79.31	49.21	13.12	0.87
Last Week <i>02-28-2013</i>	0.48	99.52	80.65	49.72	12.65	0.90
3 Months Ago <i>12-06-2012</i>	6.16	93.84	87.35	55.59	16.04	0.20
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2013</i>	8.61	91.39	86.03	53.71	14.38	0.20
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
One Year Ago <i>03-08-2012</i>	5.88	94.12	76.90	35.14	5.17	1.88

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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