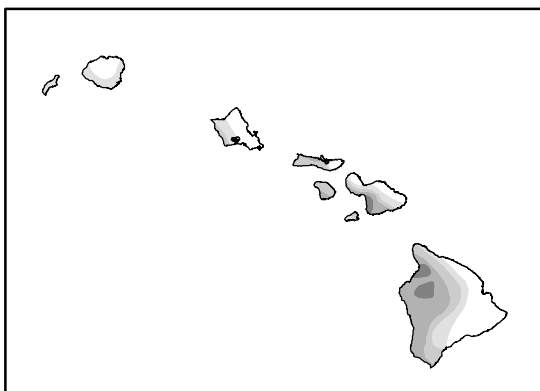
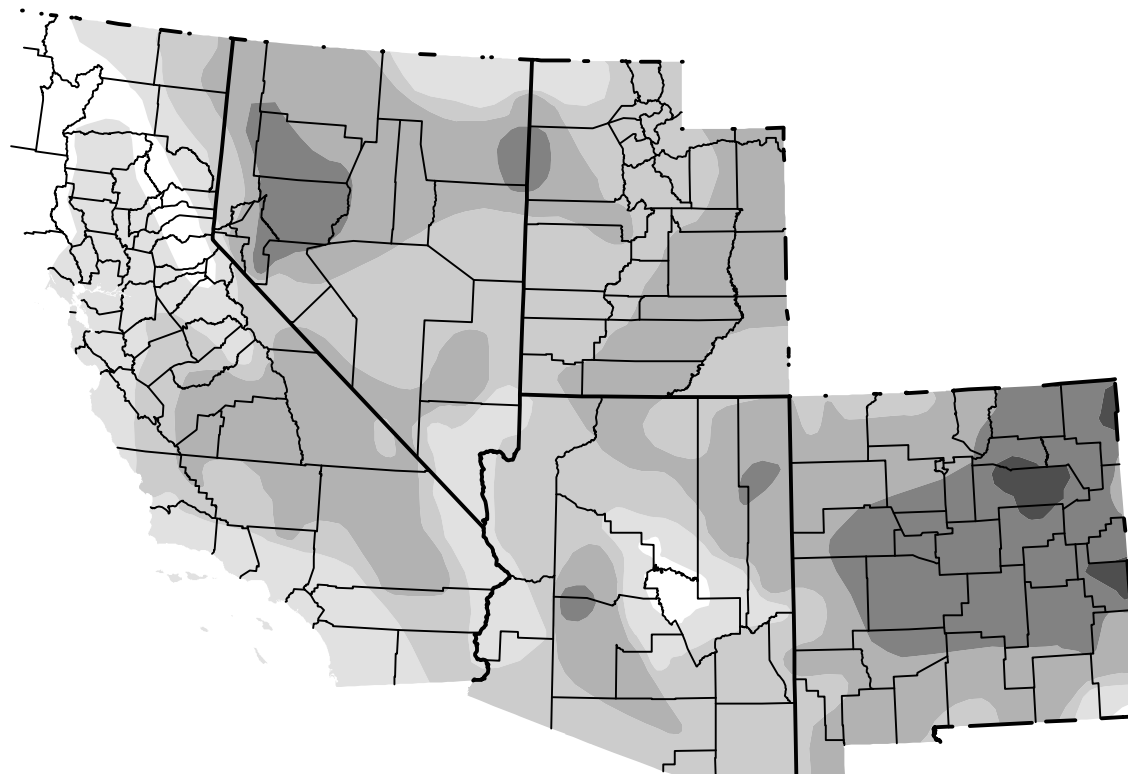


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 5.14 | 94.86 | 78.44 | 47.67 | 13.12 | 0.87 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-07-2013</i>              | 0.41 | 99.59 | 79.31 | 49.21 | 13.12 | 0.87 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2012</i>           | 8.27 | 91.73 | 86.95 | 56.30 | 16.04 | 0.20 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2013</i> | 8.61 | 91.39 | 86.03 | 53.71 | 14.38 | 0.20 |
| <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>03-15-2012</i>           | 4.77 | 95.23 | 82.61 | 46.92 | 6.79  | 1.86 |

### 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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