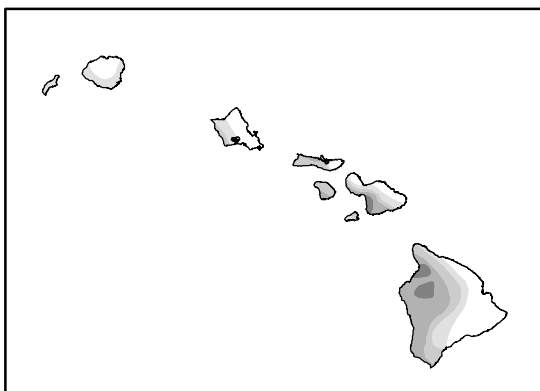
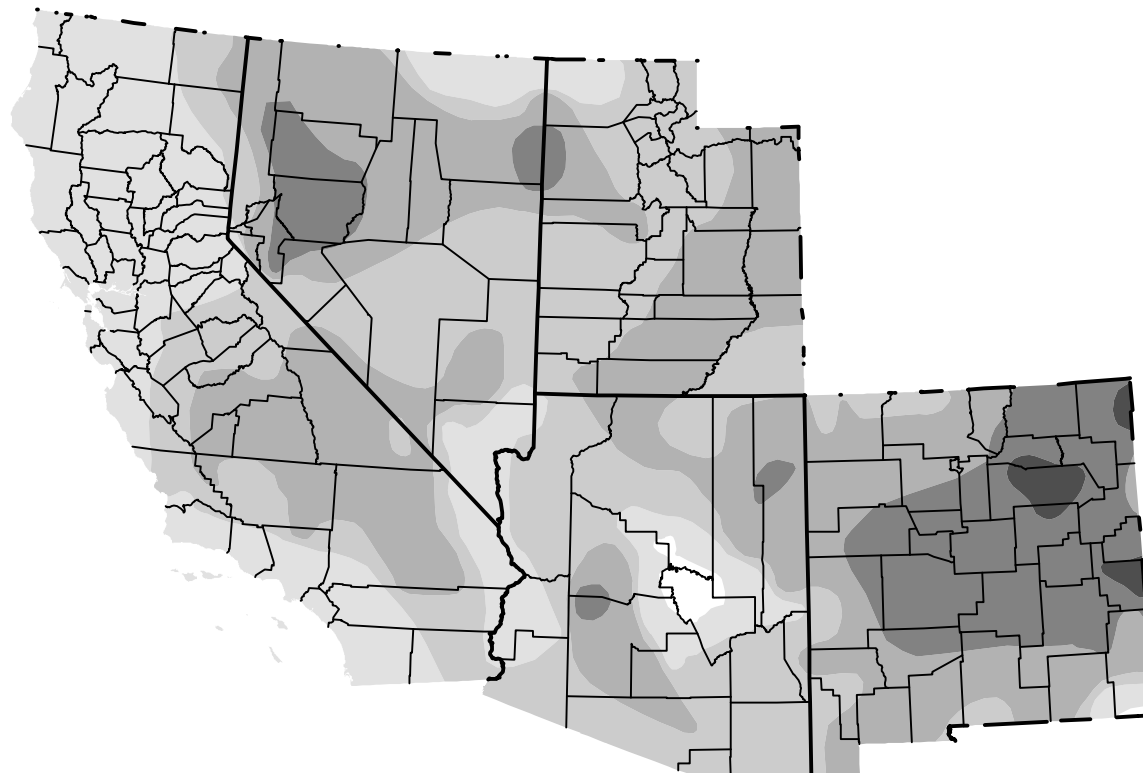


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.99	20.01	31.32	34.55	12.24	0.89
Last Week <i>03-21-2013</i>	4.40	16.59	31.33	34.55	12.26	0.87
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2012</i>	8.39	5.35	31.03	39.20	15.82	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>03-29-2012</i>	5.28	12.73	35.87	38.56	5.70	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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