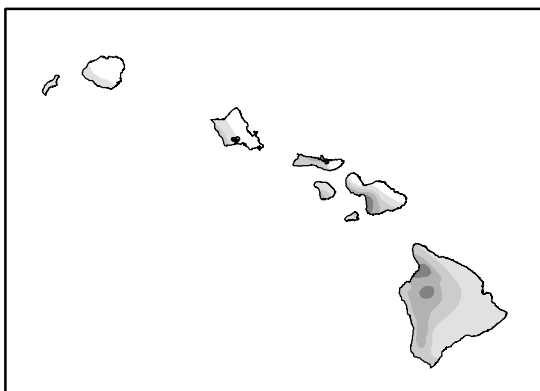
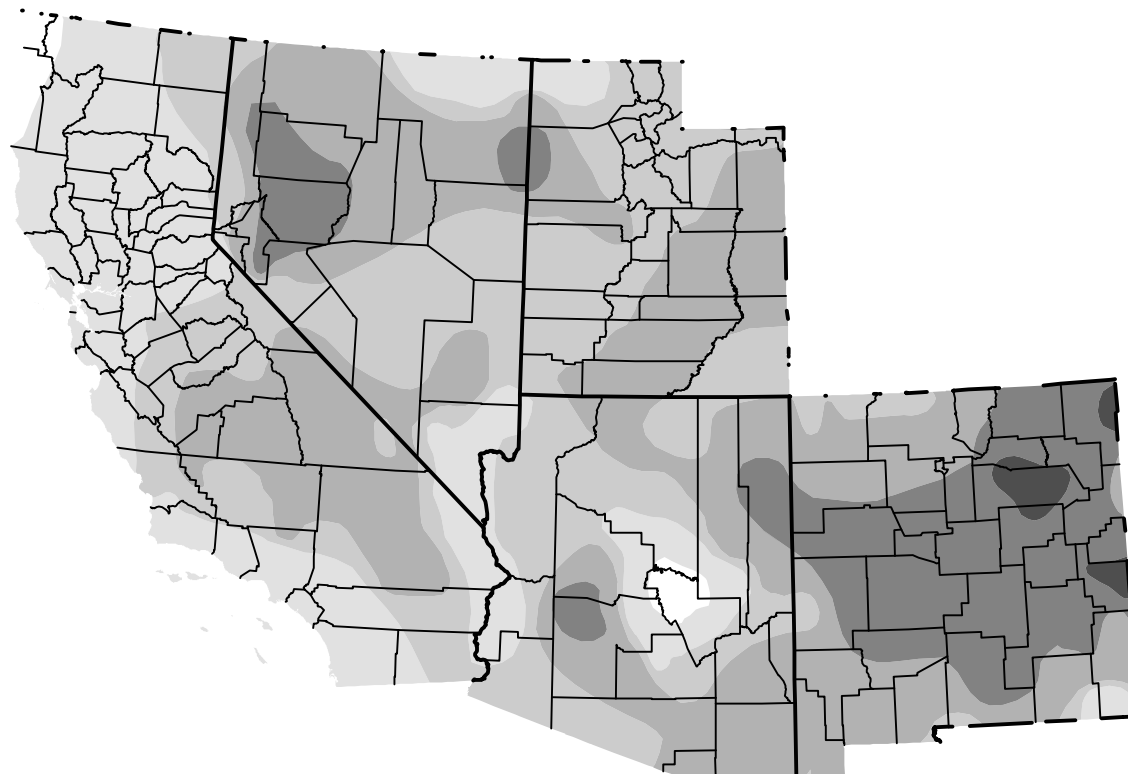


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.43	98.57	79.51	50.42	15.60	0.89
Last Week 04-11-2013	1.51	98.49	79.26	49.75	15.60	0.89
3 Months Ago 01-17-2013	9.39	90.61	85.33	51.84	12.01	0.20
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2013	8.61	91.39	86.03	53.71	14.38	0.20
Start of Water Year 09-27-2012	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
One Year Ago 04-19-2012	4.79	95.21	77.84	43.75	7.61	1.81

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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