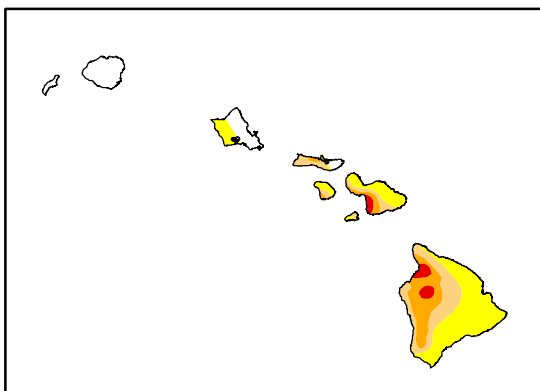
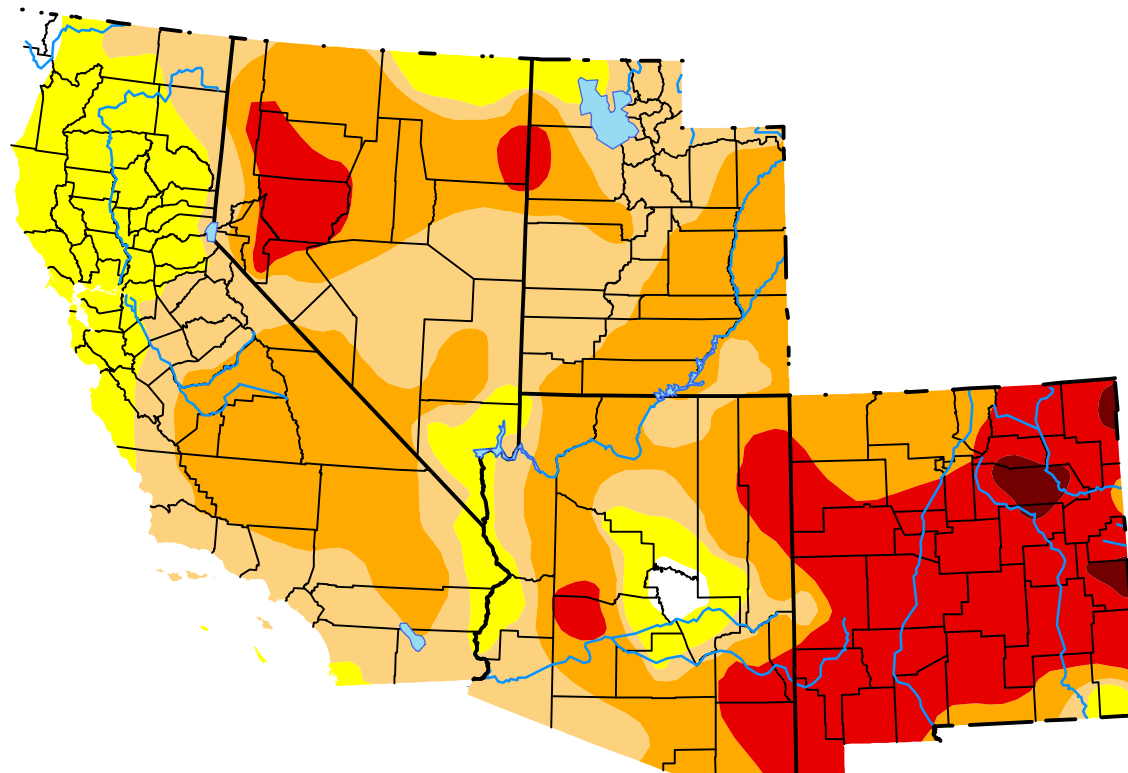


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.43	14.73	27.43	35.48	20.04	0.89
Last Week <i>04-18-2013</i>	1.43	19.06	29.09	34.82	14.71	0.89
3 Months Ago <i>01-24-2013</i>	9.40	5.27	33.49	39.84	11.80	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>04-26-2012</i>	4.80	16.34	31.60	38.47	6.98	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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