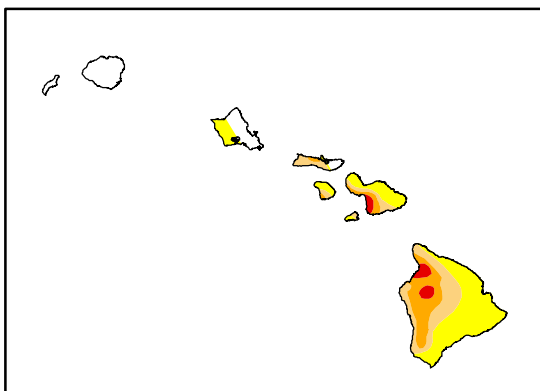
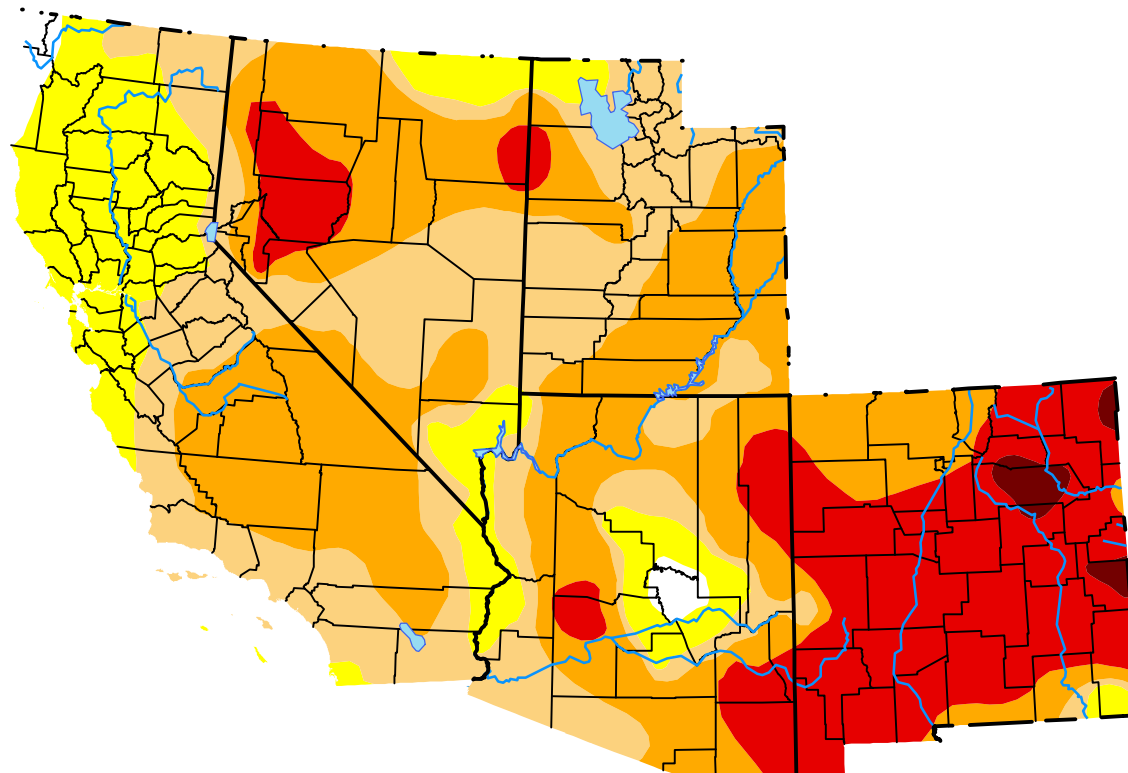


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.43	98.57	83.85	56.41	20.93	0.89
Last Week <i>04-18-2013</i>	1.43	98.57	79.51	50.42	15.60	0.89
3 Months Ago <i>01-24-2013</i>	9.40	90.60	85.33	51.84	12.00	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>04-26-2012</i>	4.80	95.20	78.86	47.26	8.79	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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