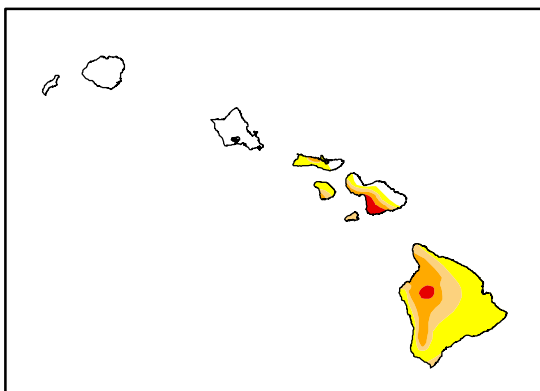
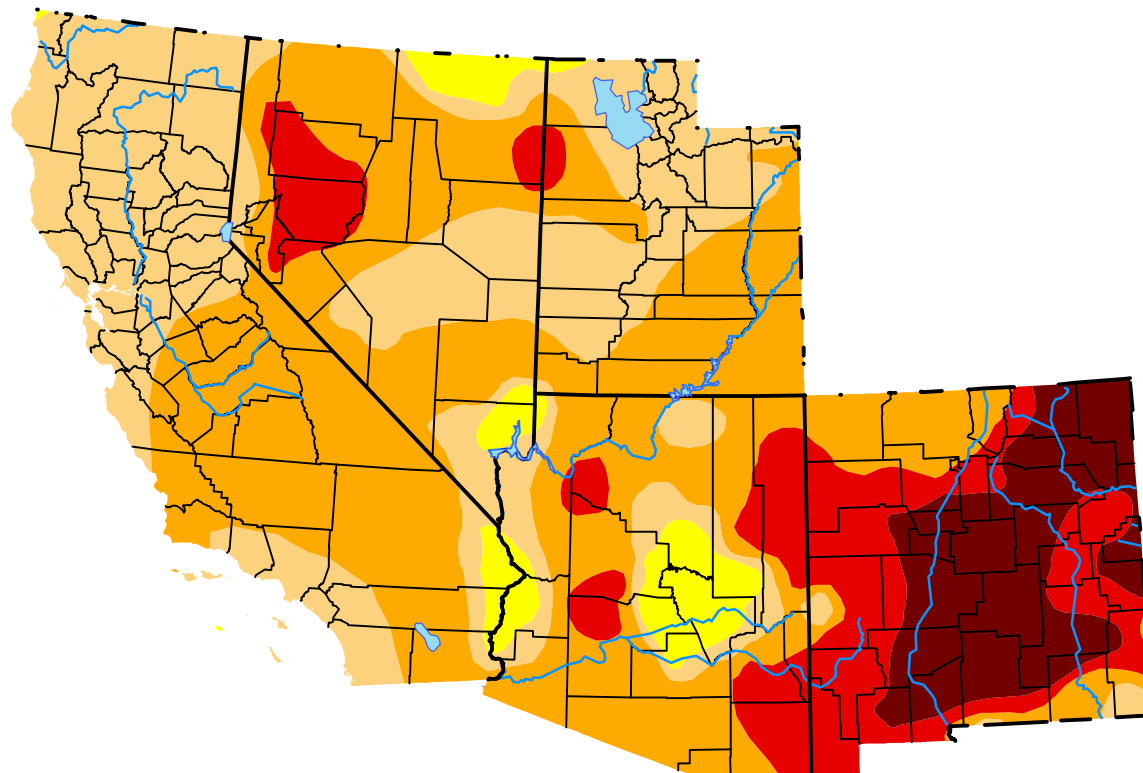


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.25	99.75	94.95	64.96	22.85	9.16
Last Week <i>05-16-2013</i>	0.25	99.75	94.76	64.31	22.83	9.01
3 Months Ago <i>02-21-2013</i>	4.58	95.42	80.68	48.88	12.59	0.25
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>05-24-2012</i>	4.78	95.22	85.08	56.05	8.11	0.00

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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