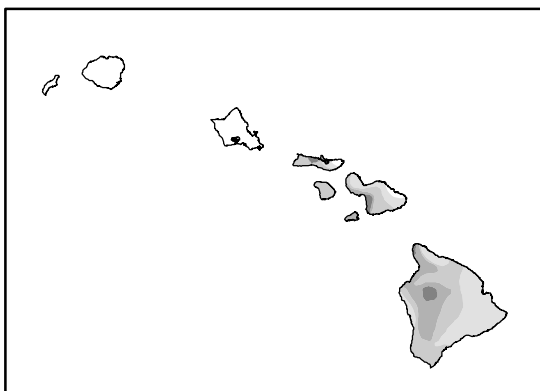
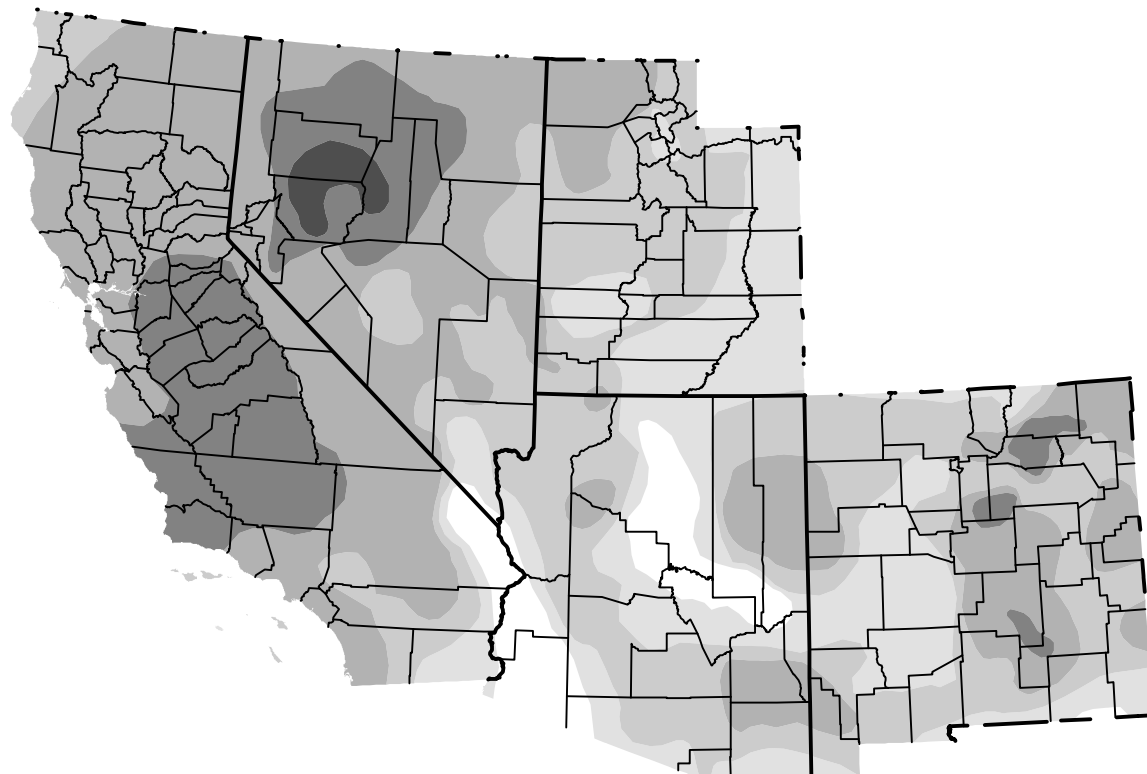


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.03	17.52	28.78	35.21	12.47	1.00
Last Week 12-19-2013	4.96	17.23	28.70	35.63	12.47	1.00
3 Months Ago 09-26-2013	4.05	12.30	29.89	44.25	8.52	1.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2013	8.61	5.37	32.31	39.34	14.18	0.20
Start of Water Year 10-03-2013	4.05	12.33	31.50	43.08	8.05	1.00
One Year Ago 12-27-2012	8.39	5.35	31.03	39.20	15.82	0.20

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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