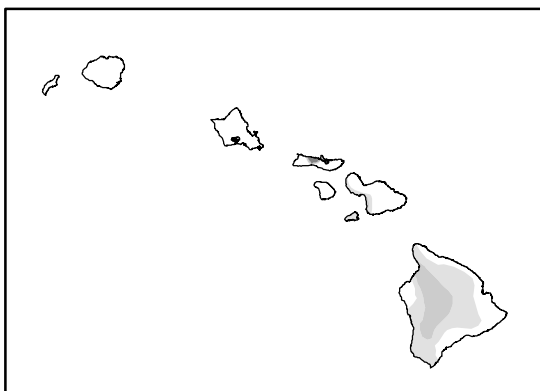
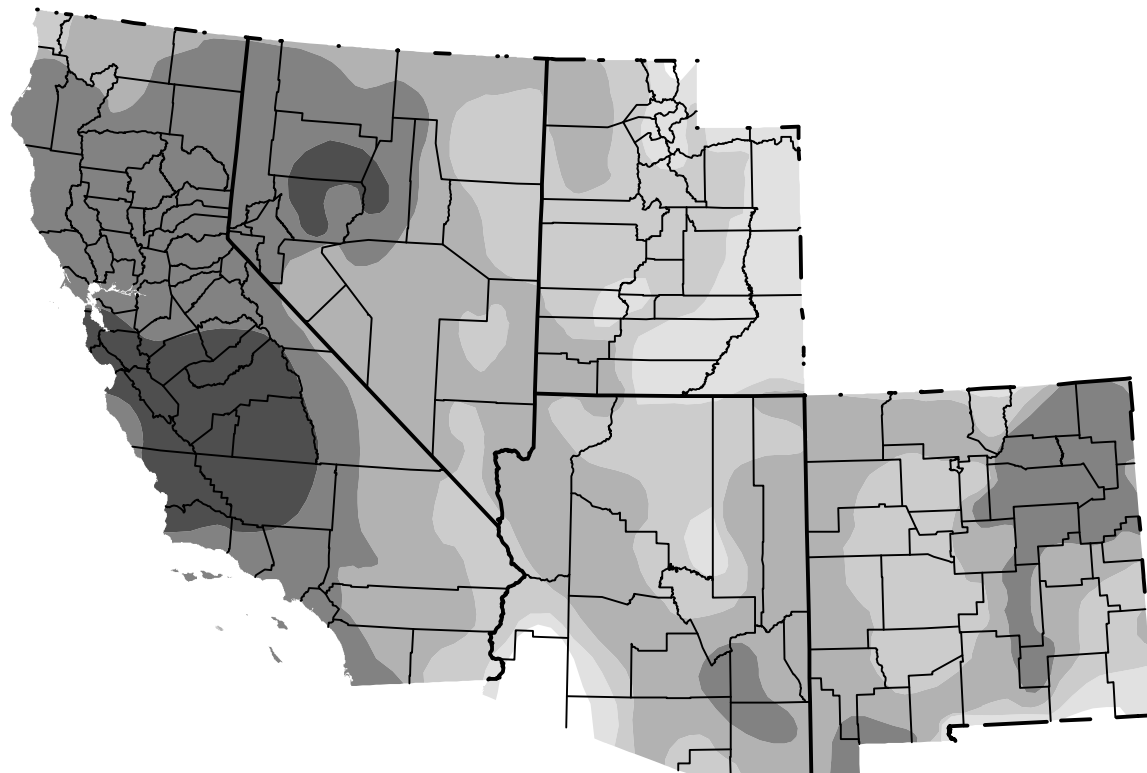


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 1.92 | 8.04  | 23.54 | 35.45 | 24.12 | 6.94 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-13-2014</i>              | 1.75 | 12.34 | 22.90 | 33.56 | 22.52 | 6.94 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-19-2013</i>           | 4.96 | 17.23 | 28.70 | 35.63 | 12.47 | 1.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2014</i> | 5.09 | 17.45 | 28.09 | 35.90 | 12.47 | 1.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2013</i>    | 4.05 | 12.33 | 31.50 | 43.08 | 8.05  | 1.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-21-2013</i>           | 4.40 | 16.59 | 31.33 | 34.55 | 12.26 | 0.87 |

### 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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