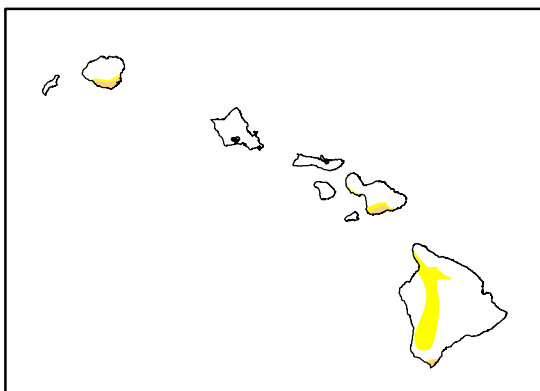
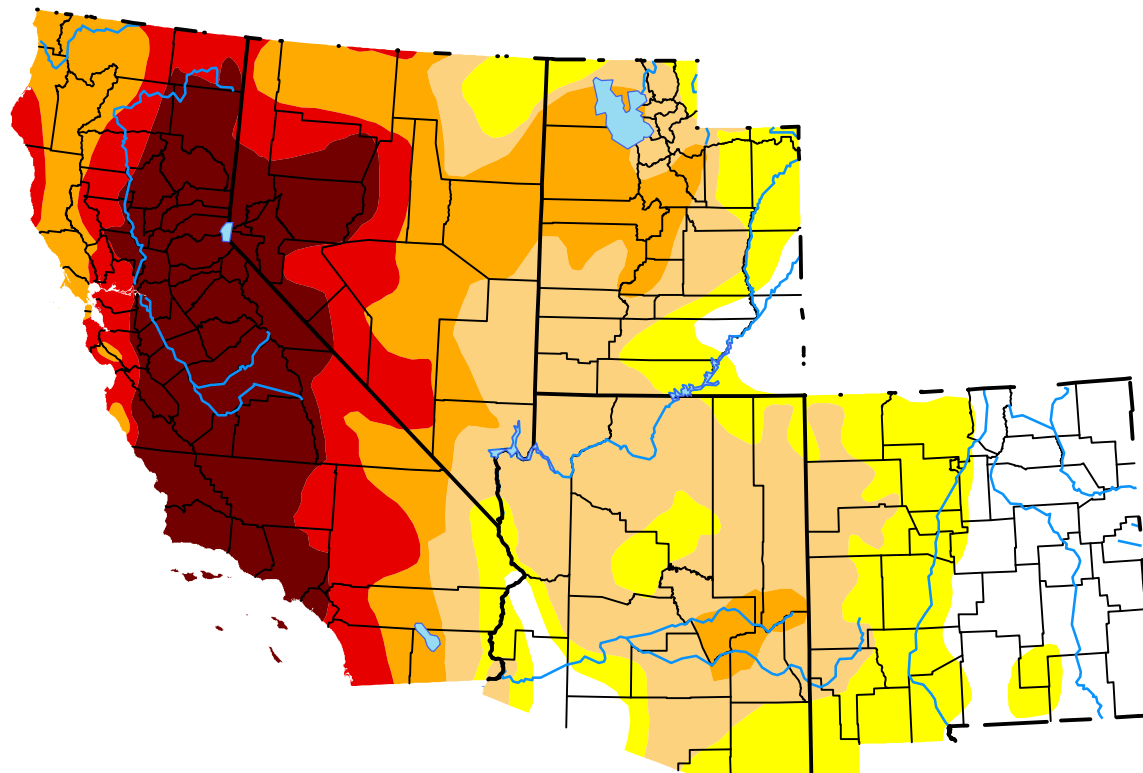


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.05	17.26	25.15	17.70	10.67	15.17
Last Week <i>09-10-2015</i>	13.79	17.36	25.31	17.70	10.67	15.17
3 Months Ago <i>06-18-2015</i>	13.21	11.80	25.81	21.48	13.23	14.47
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2014</i>	5.87	12.38	29.47	21.11	20.41	10.76
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2014</i>	6.10	11.87	28.57	20.35	15.39	17.72
One Year Ago <i>09-18-2014</i>	2.26	12.11	26.57	26.17	15.17	17.72

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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