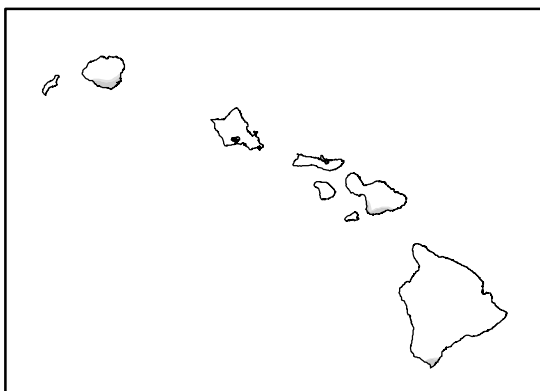
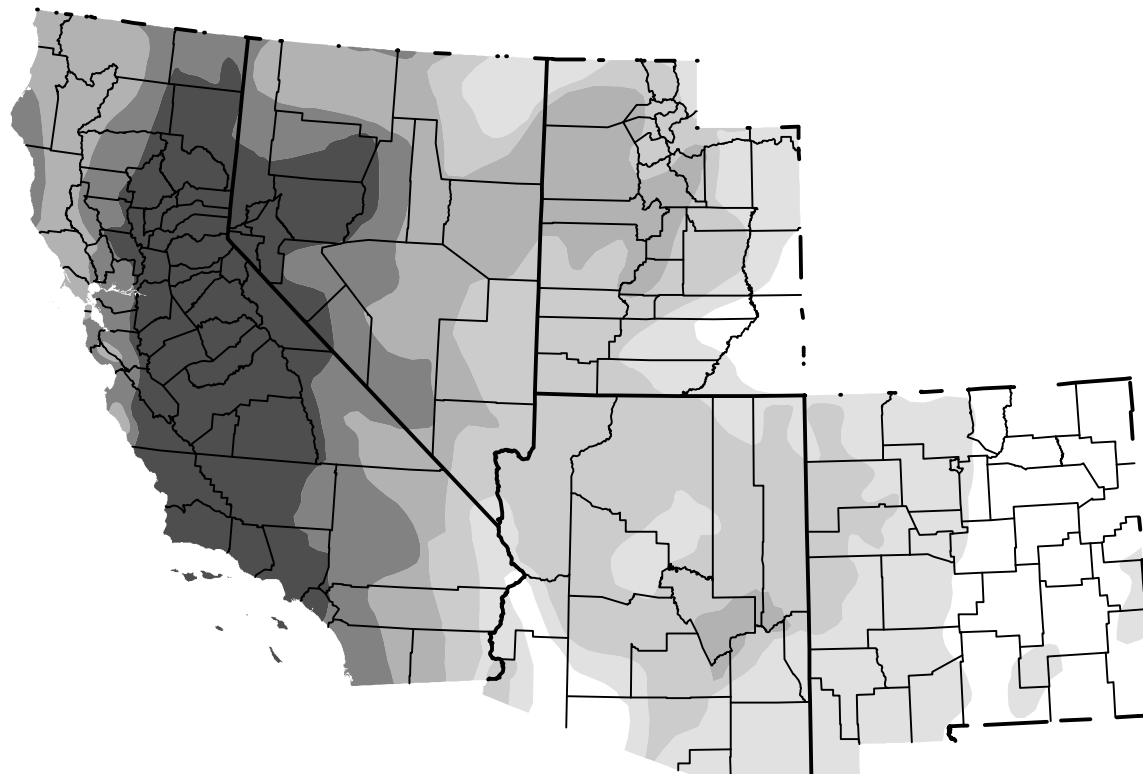


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**September 22, 2015**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 13.98 | 86.02 | 66.80 | 43.20 | 25.84 | 15.17 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-17-2015</i>              | 14.05 | 85.95 | 68.69 | 43.54 | 25.84 | 15.17 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-25-2015</i>           | 13.21 | 86.79 | 72.38 | 48.63 | 27.70 | 14.47 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2014</i> | 5.87  | 94.13 | 81.75 | 52.28 | 31.17 | 10.76 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2014</i>    | 6.10  | 93.90 | 82.03 | 53.46 | 33.11 | 17.72 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-25-2014</i>           | 5.50  | 94.50 | 83.41 | 53.87 | 33.19 | 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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