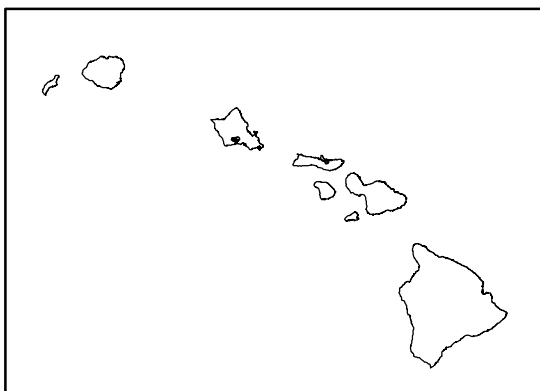
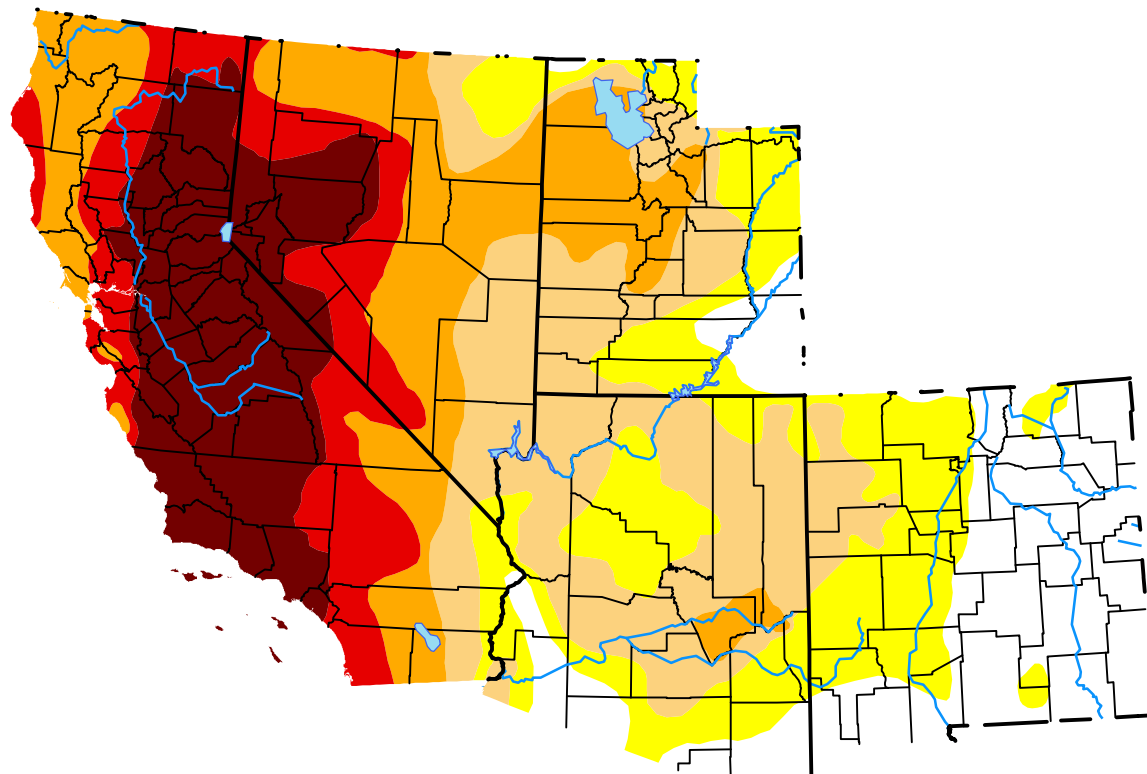


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	17.31	82.69	63.88	42.45	25.41	15.17
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-15-2015</i>	16.95	83.05	65.76	43.07	25.84	15.17
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-23-2015</i>	13.54	86.46	71.65	44.98	27.70	14.27
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2014</i>	5.87	94.13	81.75	52.28	31.17	10.76
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-23-2014</i>	7.13	92.87	82.02	52.97	31.77	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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