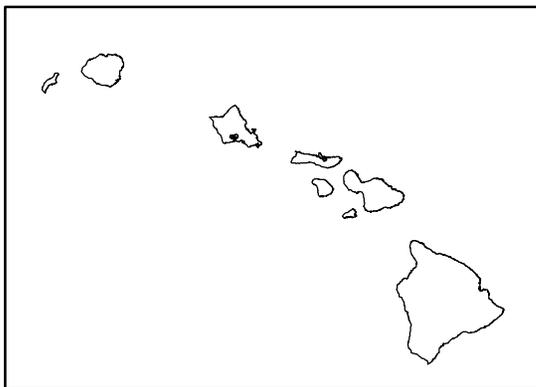
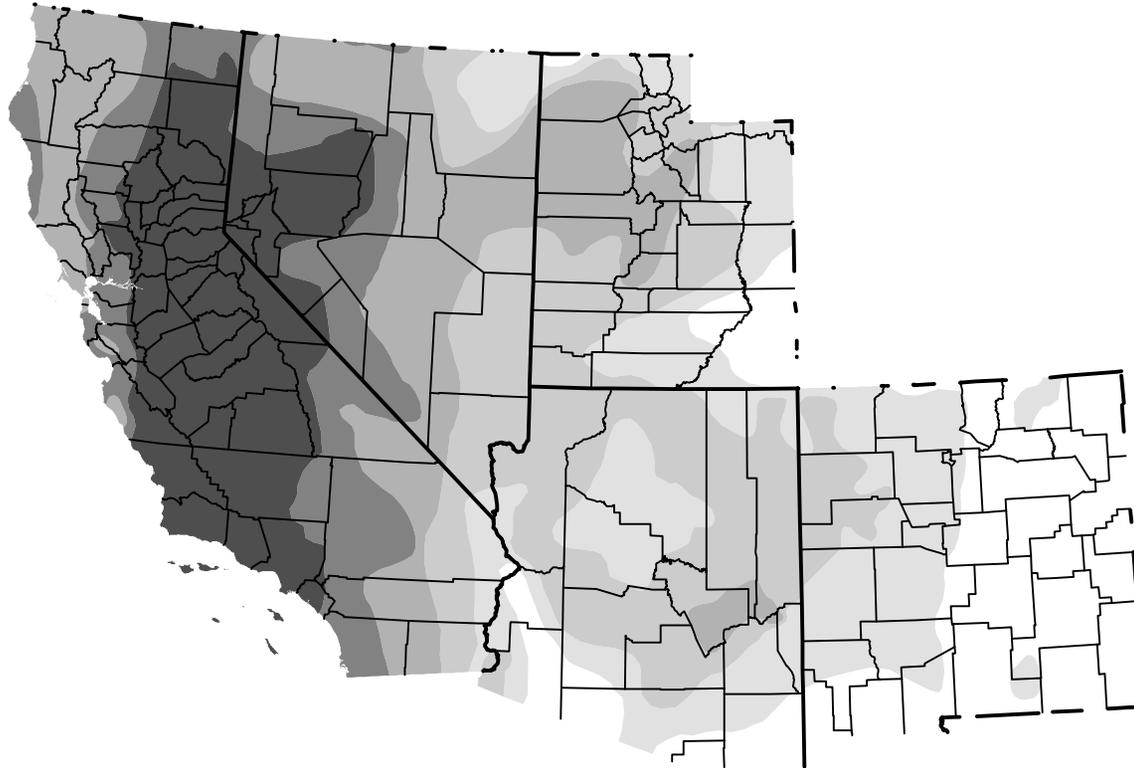


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 20, 2015**  
 (Released Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*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><br><i>10-15-2015</i>              | 16.95 | 83.05 | 65.76 | 43.07 | 25.84 | 15.17 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-23-2015</i>           | 13.54 | 86.46 | 71.65 | 44.98 | 27.70 | 14.27 |
| <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>10-01-2015</i>    | 16.35 | 83.65 | 66.03 | 43.10 | 25.84 | 15.17 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-23-2014</i>           | 7.13  | 92.87 | 82.02 | 52.97 | 31.77 | 17.72 |

**Intensity:**



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

**Author:**

Brad Rippey  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)