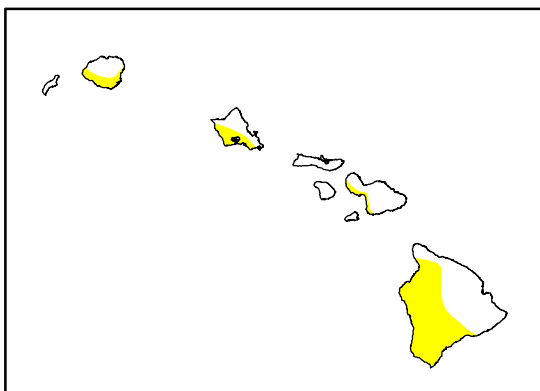
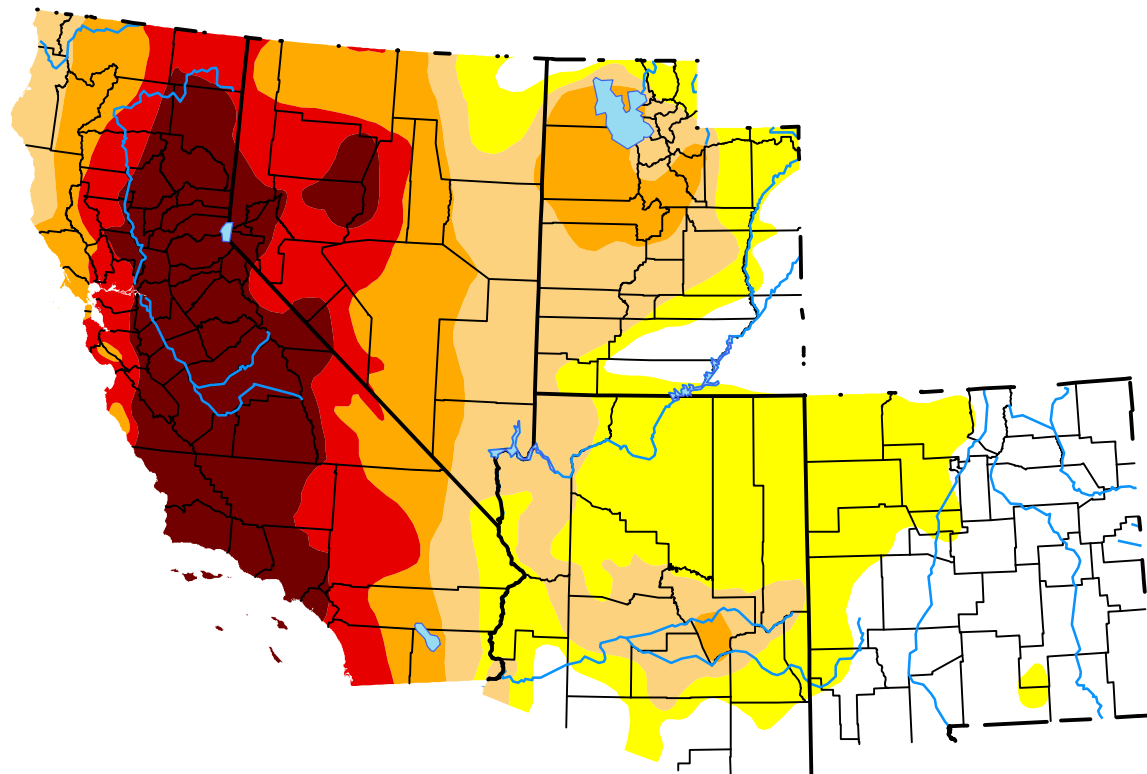


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	21.87	21.67	17.62	14.60	10.59	13.64
Last Week <i>12-24-2015</i>	21.87	21.68	16.80	15.41	10.59	13.64
3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	17.62	22.93	17.26	10.67	15.17
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>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	17.62	22.93	17.26	10.67	15.17
One Year Ago <i>12-31-2014</i>	5.87	12.38	29.47	21.11	20.41	10.76

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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