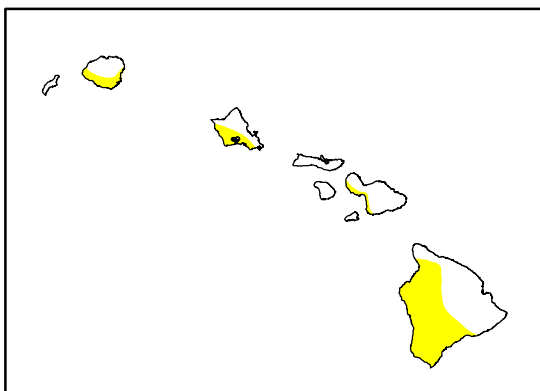
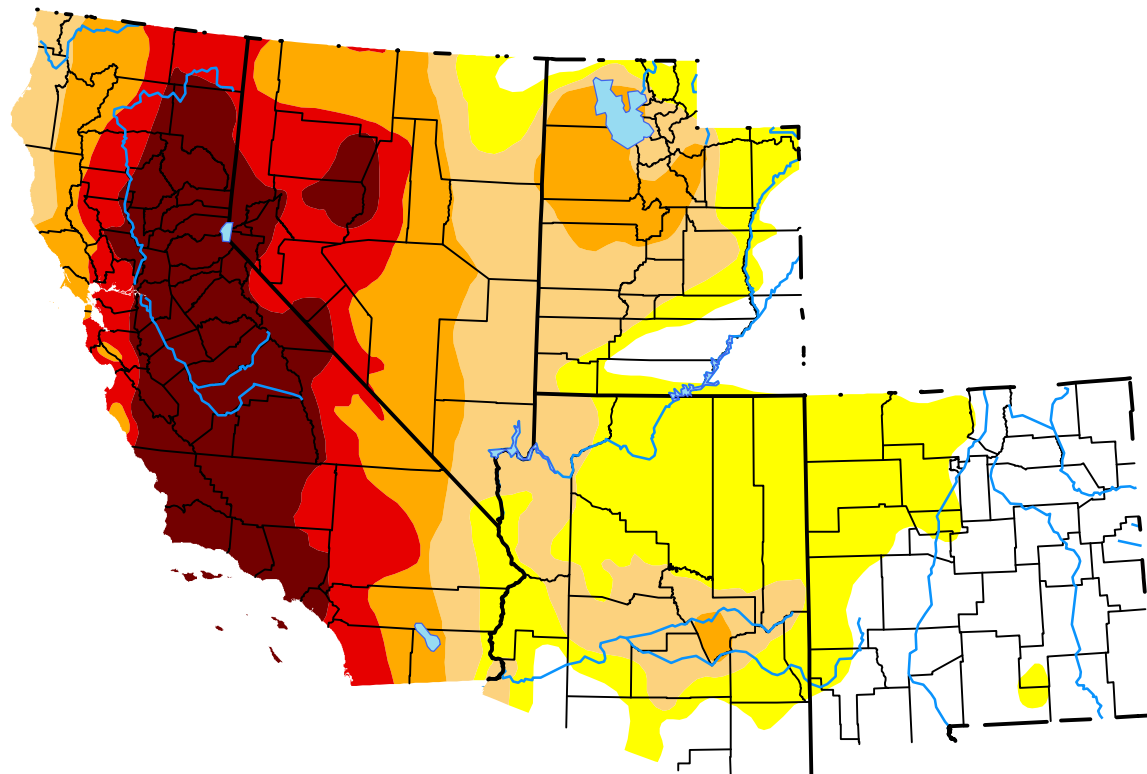


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.87	78.13	56.46	38.84	24.23	13.64
Last Week 12-24-2015	21.87	78.13	56.46	39.65	24.24	13.64
3 Months Ago 10-01-2015	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2014	5.87	94.13	81.75	52.28	31.17	10.76
Start of Water Year 10-01-2015	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
One Year Ago 12-31-2014	5.87	94.13	81.75	52.28	31.17	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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