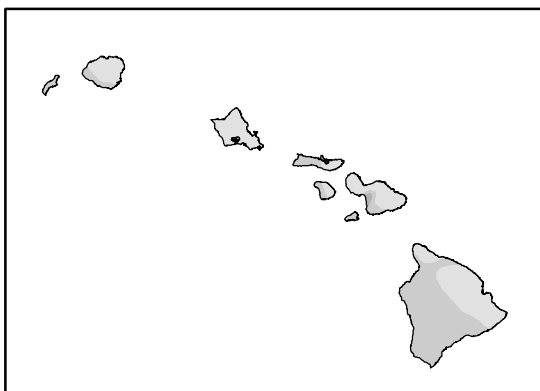
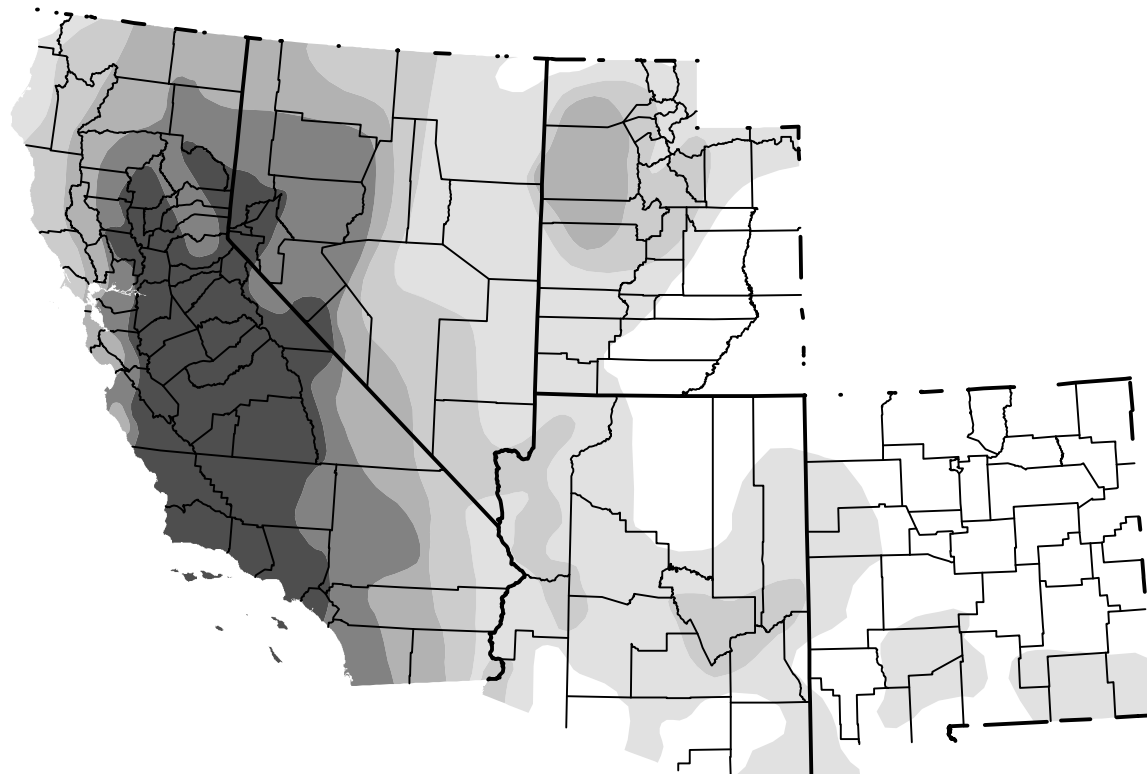


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	26.84	28.56	14.15	9.98	9.40	11.06
Last Week 02-18-2016	32.39	22.93	14.24	9.83	9.55	11.06
3 Months Ago 11-25-2015	21.96	18.15	19.02	16.20	11.02	13.64
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2015	21.87	21.67	17.62	14.60	10.59	13.64
Start of Water Year 10-01-2015	16.35	17.62	22.93	17.26	10.67	15.17
One Year Ago 02-26-2015	4.23	7.61	38.32	21.05	14.77	14.02

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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