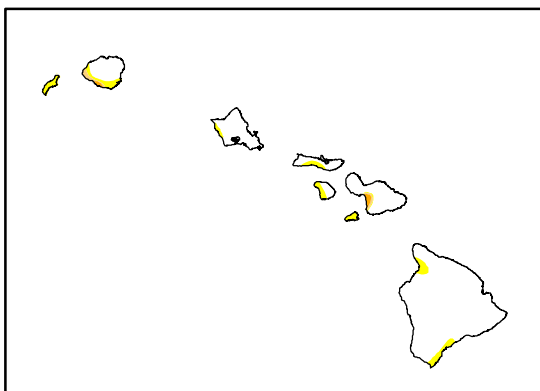
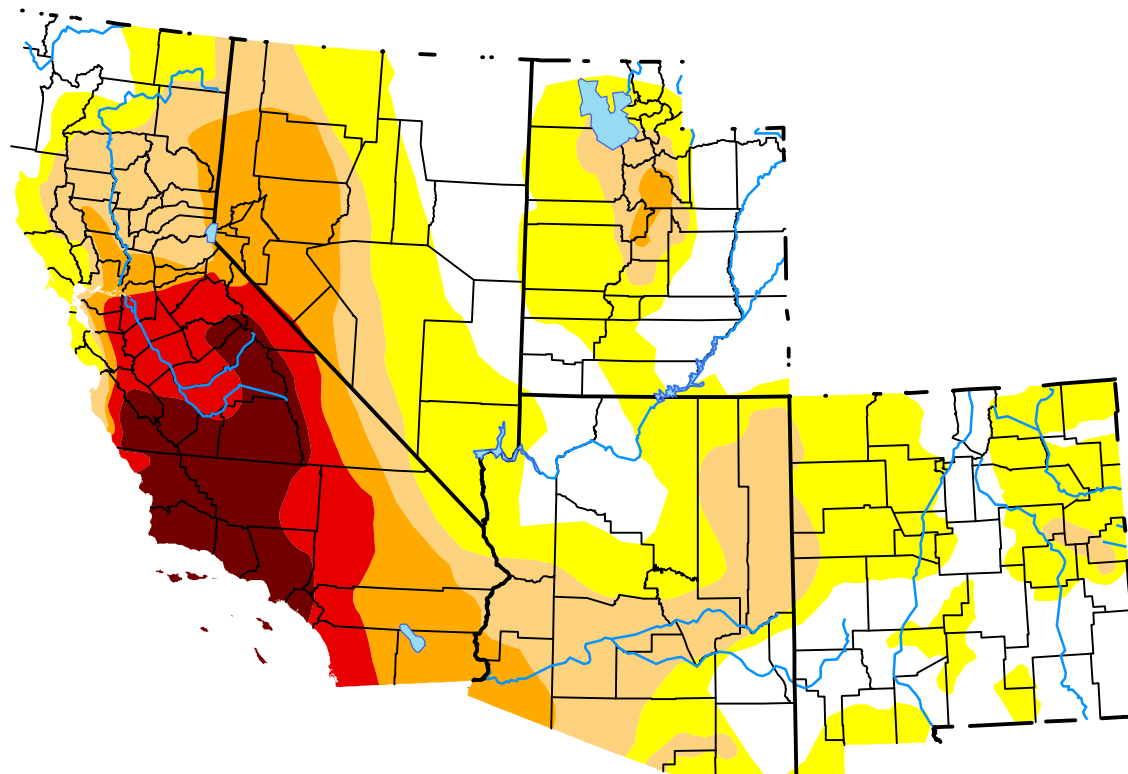


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.73	71.27	39.74	21.59	11.41	5.59
Last Week <i>10-13-2016</i>	26.83	73.17	40.39	21.72	11.41	5.59
3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2016</i>	18.53	81.47	43.35	21.29	11.42	5.59
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2015</i>	21.87	78.13	56.46	38.84	24.23	13.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2016</i>	22.72	77.28	40.39	21.72	11.41	5.59
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2015</i>	17.31	82.69	63.88	42.45	25.41	15.17

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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