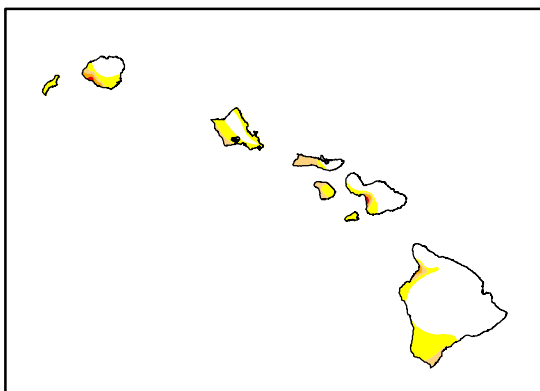
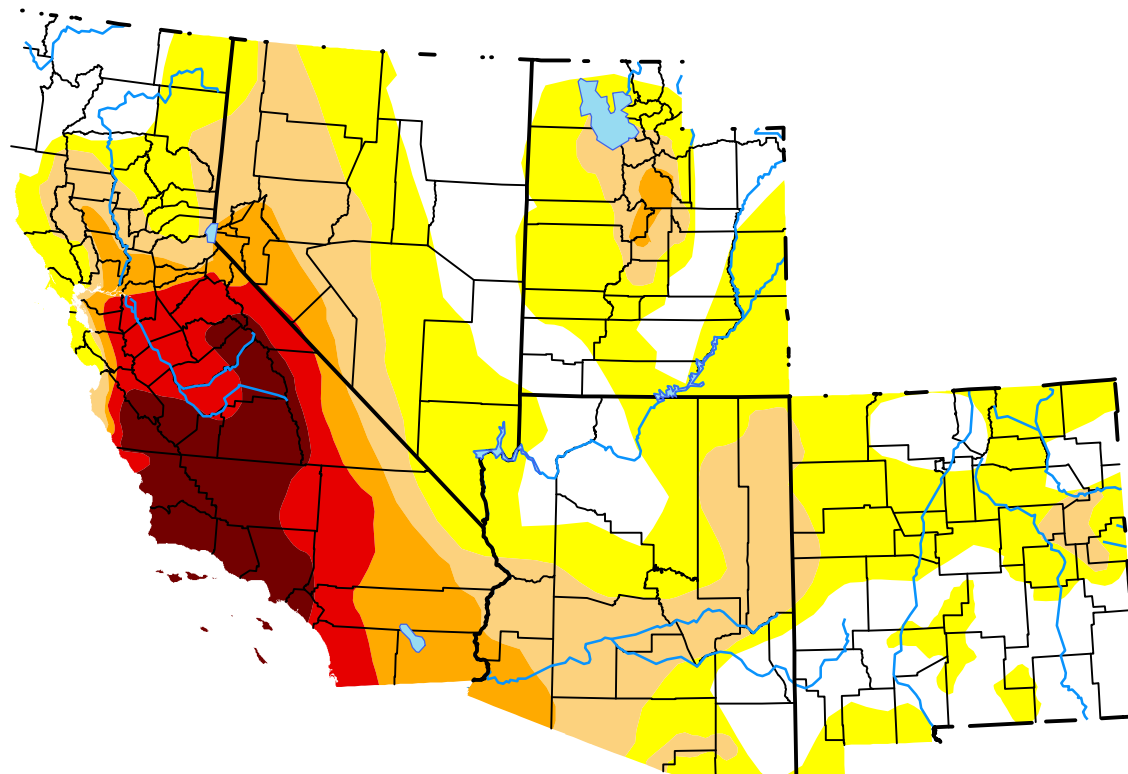


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 13, 2016**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 27.20 | 35.36 | 18.88 | 7.14  | 5.83  | 5.59  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-08-2016              | 27.32 | 35.25 | 18.88 | 7.14  | 5.83  | 5.59  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-15-2016           | 17.62 | 41.03 | 19.40 | 10.54 | 5.83  | 5.59  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2015 | 21.87 | 21.67 | 17.62 | 14.60 | 10.59 | 13.64 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2016    | 22.72 | 36.90 | 18.67 | 10.30 | 5.83  | 5.59  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-17-2015           | 21.94 | 21.47 | 16.77 | 15.58 | 10.59 | 13.64 |

### 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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