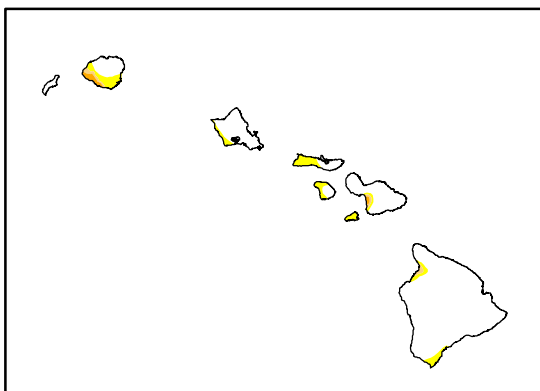
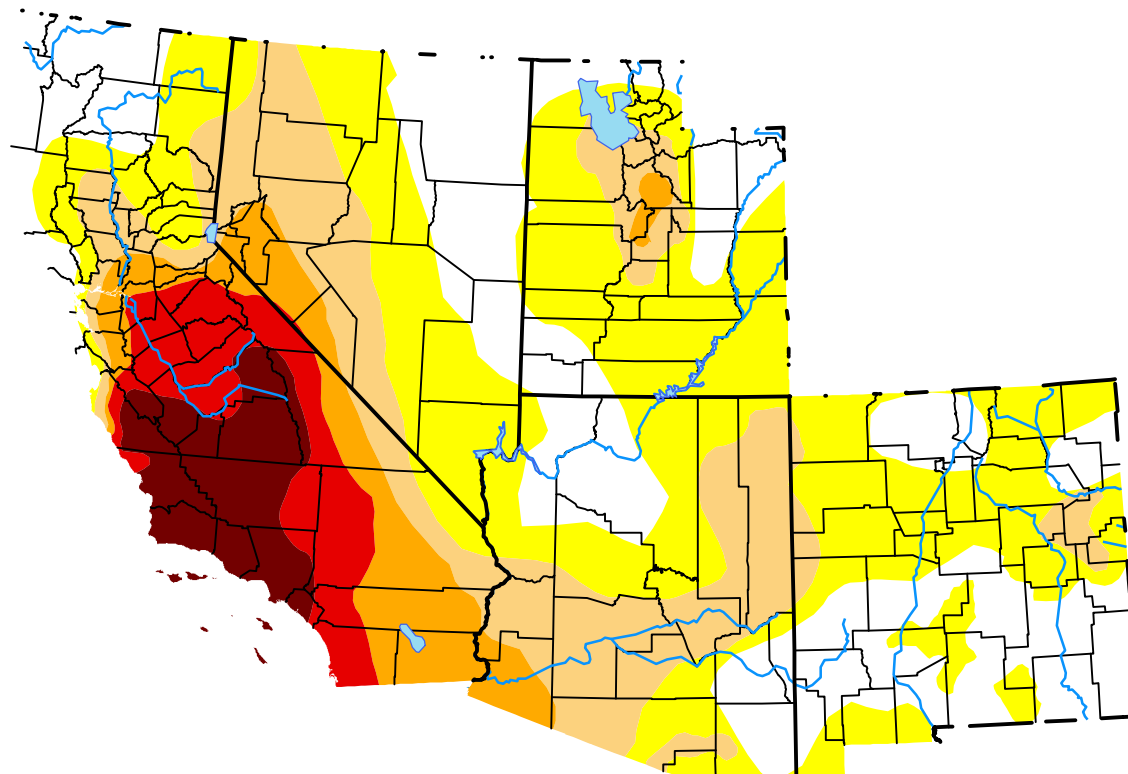


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.54	72.46	36.61	18.15	11.07	5.24
Last Week 12-15-2016	27.20	72.80	37.44	18.56	11.42	5.59
3 Months Ago 09-22-2016	17.65	82.35	40.85	21.92	11.41	5.59
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2015	21.87	78.13	56.46	38.84	24.23	13.64
Start of Water Year 09-29-2016	22.72	77.28	40.39	21.72	11.41	5.59
One Year Ago 12-24-2015	21.87	78.13	56.46	39.65	24.24	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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