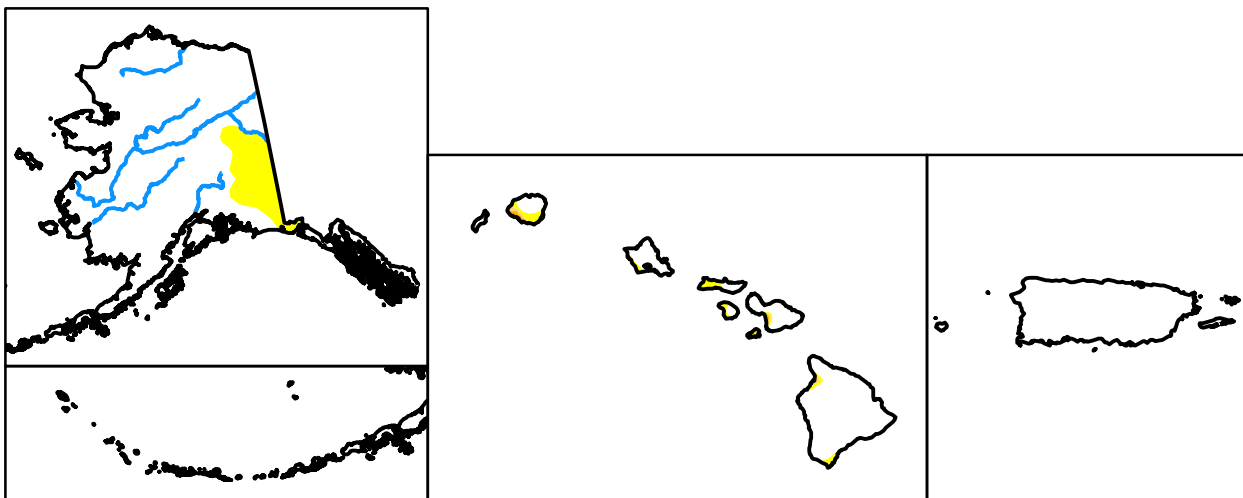
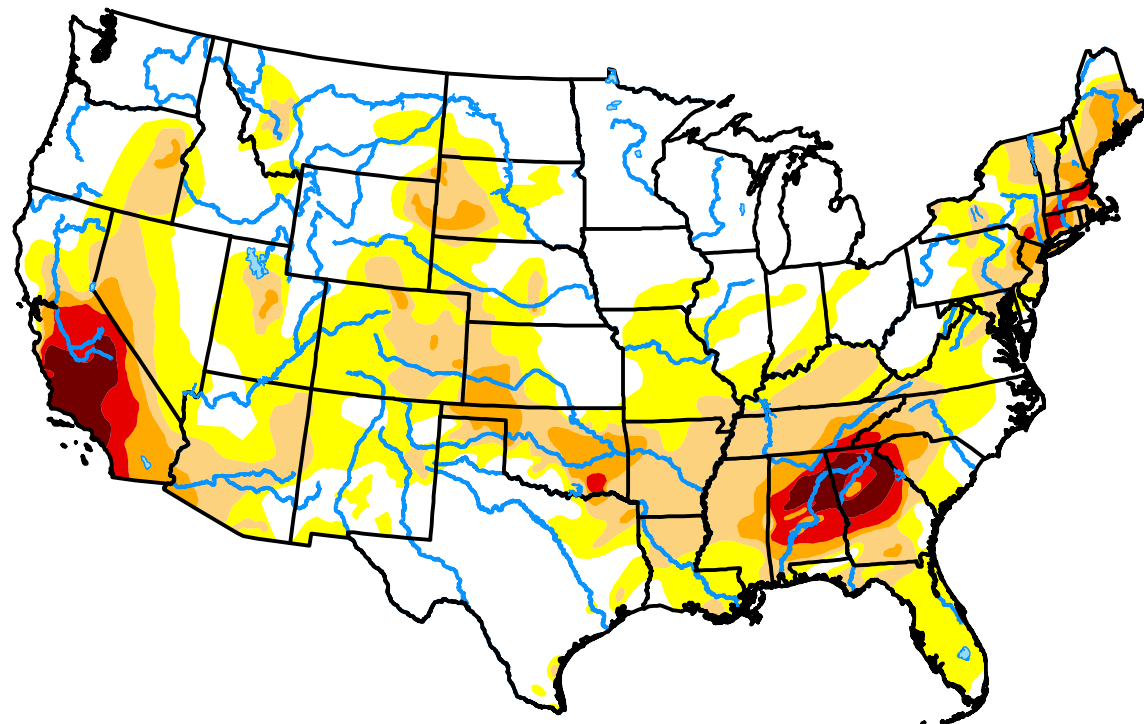


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U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.74	23.72	14.68	5.03	2.25	1.58
Last Week 12-13-2016	53.20	21.86	14.15	6.58	2.53	1.66
3 Months Ago 09-20-2016	62.35	21.92	9.24	4.03	1.53	0.92
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2015	70.63	13.66	6.03	4.42	2.99	2.26
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	61.21	22.94	9.08	4.09	1.71	0.97
One Year Ago 12-22-2015	69.99	13.82	5.60	5.07	3.25	2.26

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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