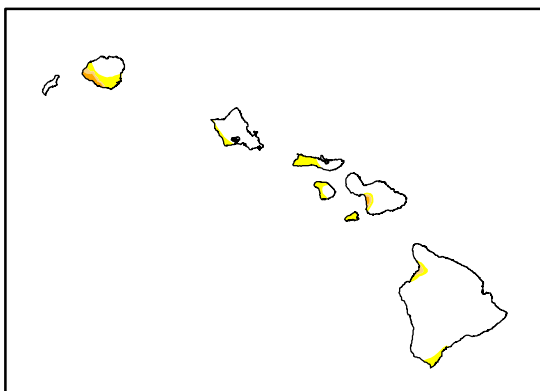
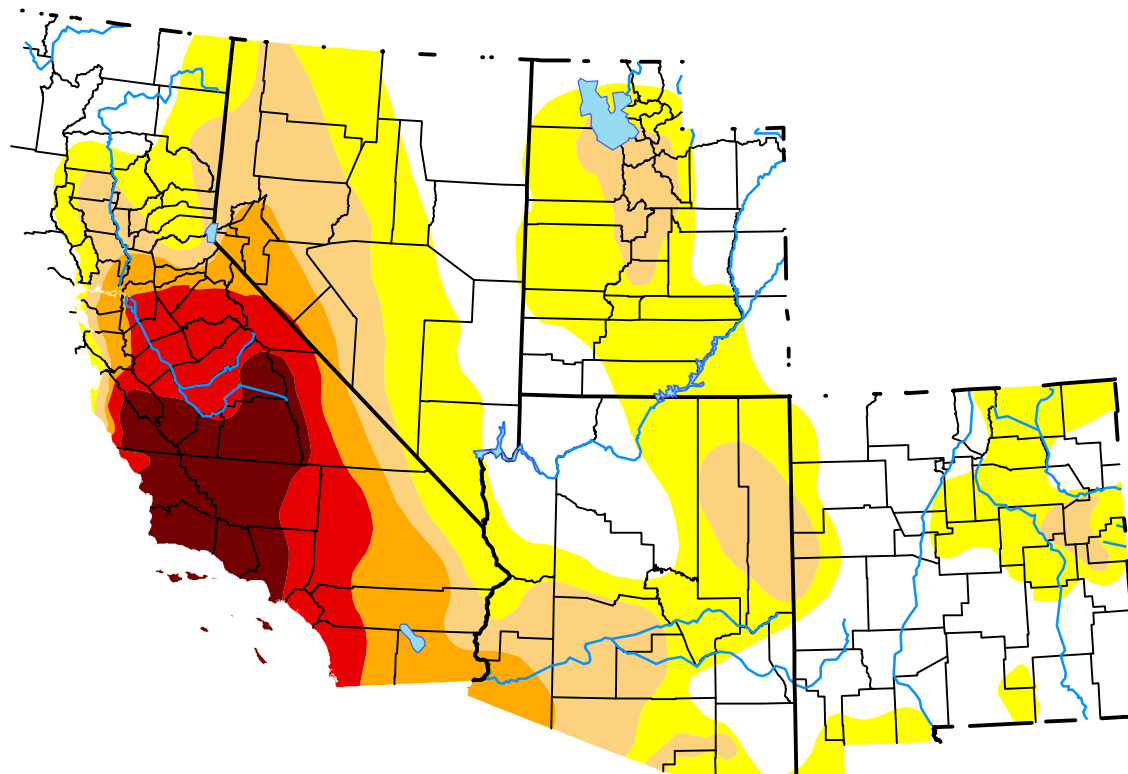


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	36.36	29.99	16.26	6.57	5.95	4.86
Last Week 12-22-2016	27.54	35.85	18.46	7.08	5.82	5.24
3 Months Ago 09-29-2016	22.72	36.90	18.67	10.30	5.83	5.59
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2015	21.87	21.67	17.62	14.60	10.59	13.64
Start of Water Year 09-29-2016	22.72	36.90	18.67	10.30	5.83	5.59
One Year Ago 12-31-2015	21.87	21.67	17.62	14.60	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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