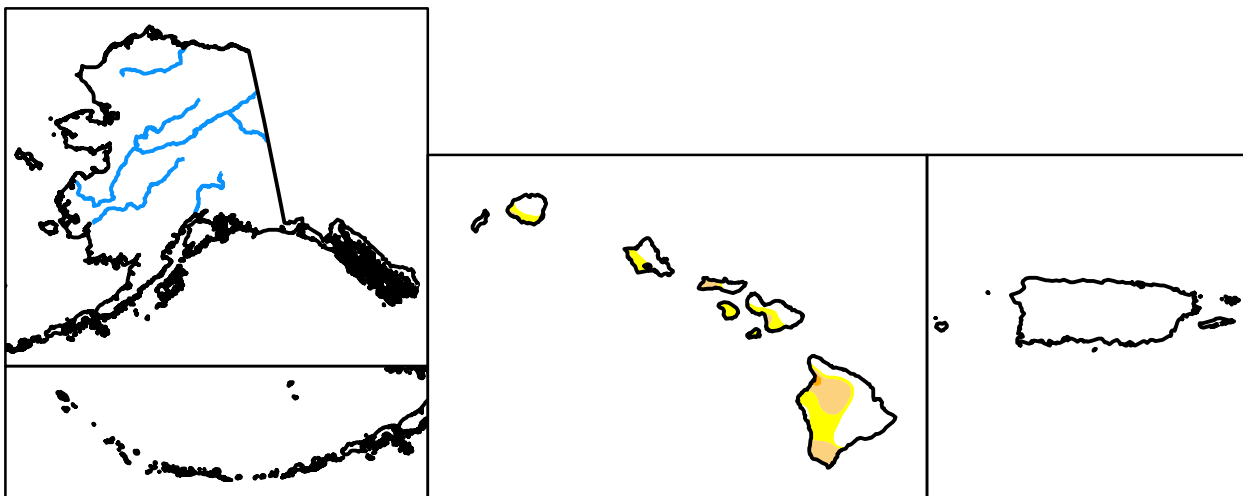
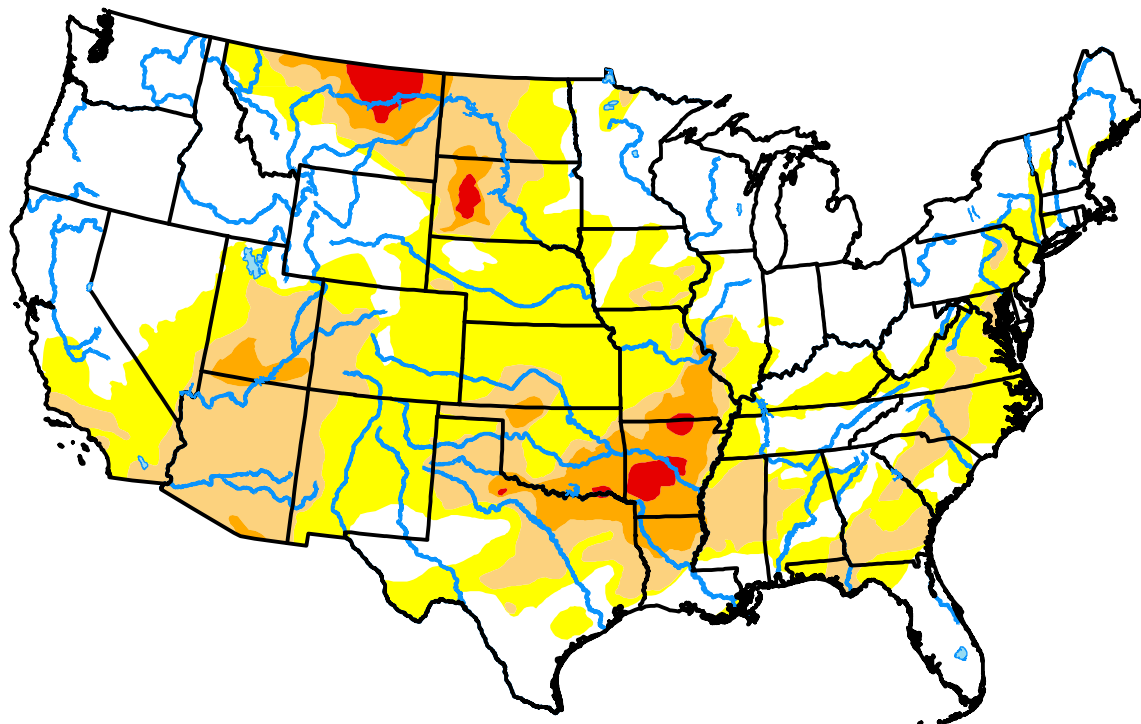


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.50	25.58	16.08	4.76	1.07	0.00
Last Week 12-12-2017	54.04	25.99	14.54	3.93	1.49	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-19-2017	69.03	17.89	8.36	2.71	1.27	0.72
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	59.70	21.46	11.62	4.58	1.82	0.80
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	68.97	19.36	7.46	2.22	1.25	0.72
One Year Ago 12-20-2016	52.74	23.72	14.68	5.03	2.25	1.58

Intensity:

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

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