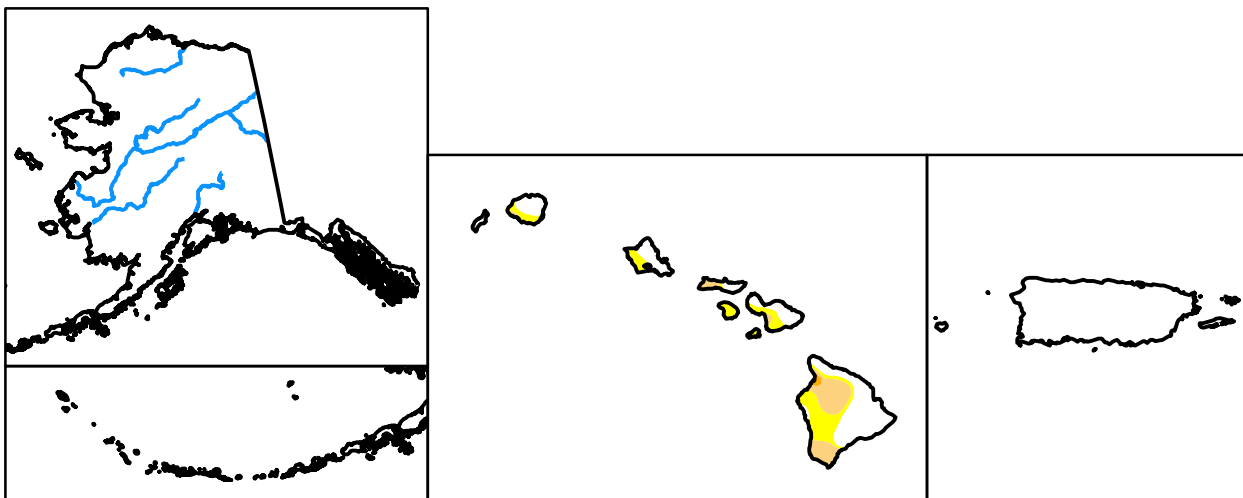
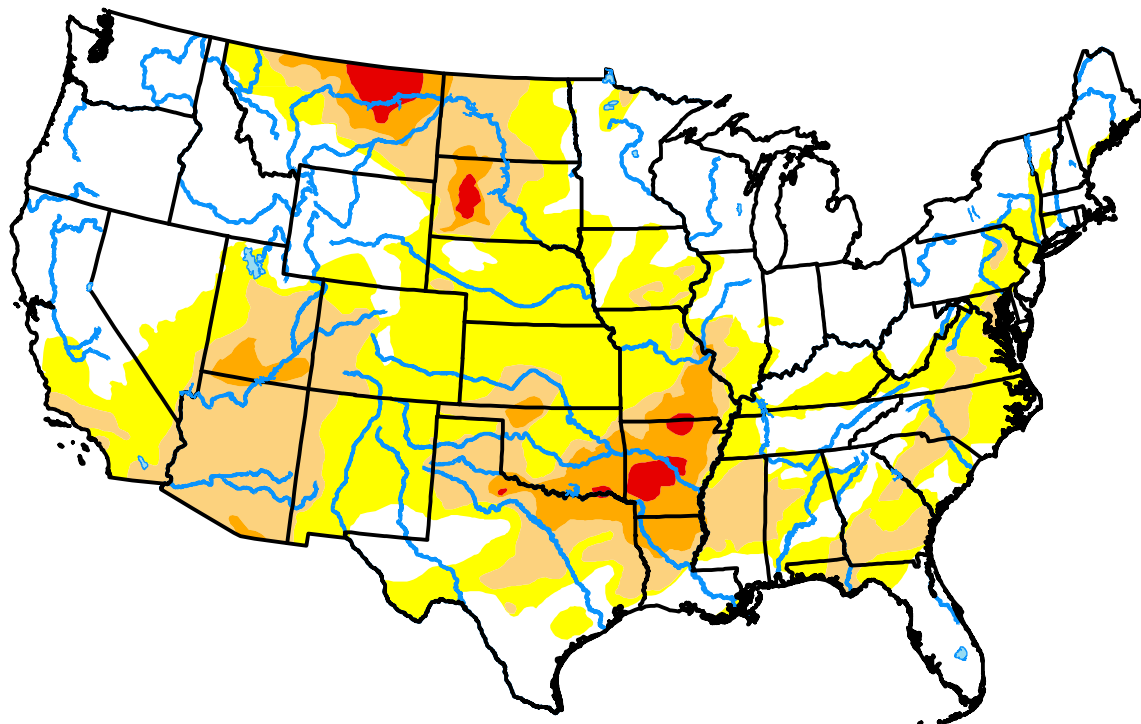


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.50	47.49	21.90	5.82	1.07	0.00
Last Week 12-12-2017	54.04	45.95	19.96	5.42	1.49	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-19-2017	69.03	30.96	13.06	4.71	2.00	0.72
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	59.70	40.29	18.83	7.21	2.63	0.80
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	68.97	31.02	11.65	4.19	1.97	0.72
One Year Ago 12-20-2016	52.74	47.25	23.53	8.85	3.82	1.58

Intensity:

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

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