U.S. Drought Monitor

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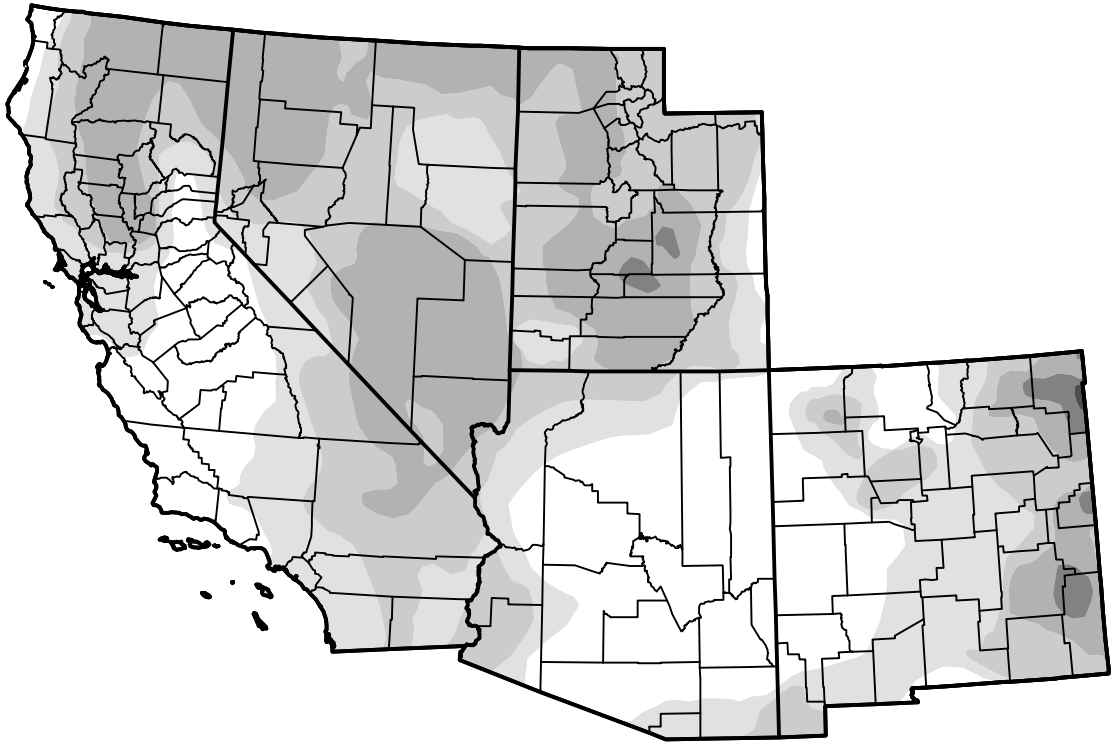

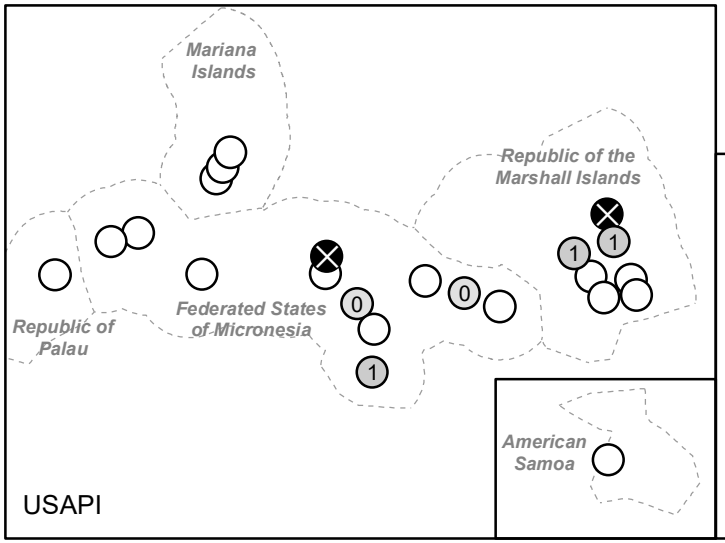

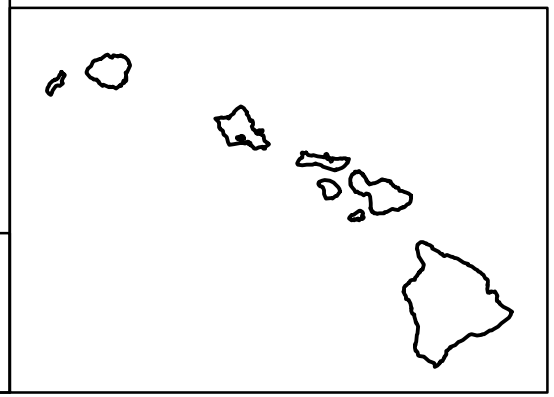

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.29	72.71	49.46	23.99	1.06	0.04
Last Week *02-28-2023*	24.13	75.87	52.90	27.82	2.47	0.04
3 Months Ago *12-06-2022*	3.56	96.44	76.38	59.72	22.68	3.69
Start of Calendar Year *01-03-2023*	4.56	95.44	74.39	51.15	16.43	0.31
Start of Water Year *09-27-2022*	0.23	99.77	86.71	67.59	28.88	4.92
One Year Ago *03-08-2022*	0.12	99.88	94.78	78.53	23.02	2.18

Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.

Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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