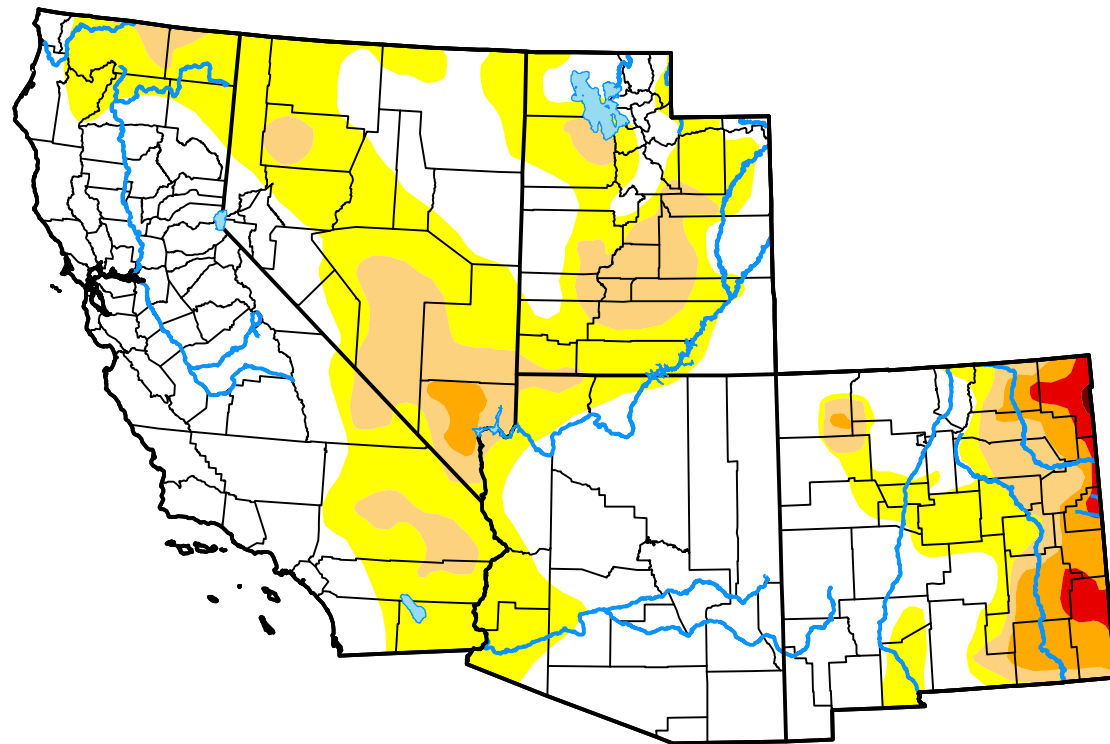


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.18	43.82	15.29	4.42	1.01	0.04
Last Week 05-09-2023	55.80	44.20	15.29	4.15	1.02	0.04
3 Months Ago 02-14-2023	17.27	82.73	66.11	31.19	2.47	0.04
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 05-17-2022	0.40	99.60	98.92	91.00	55.48	11.89

Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.

Intensity:

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

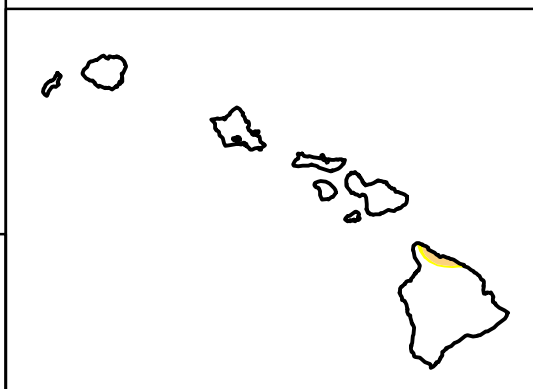
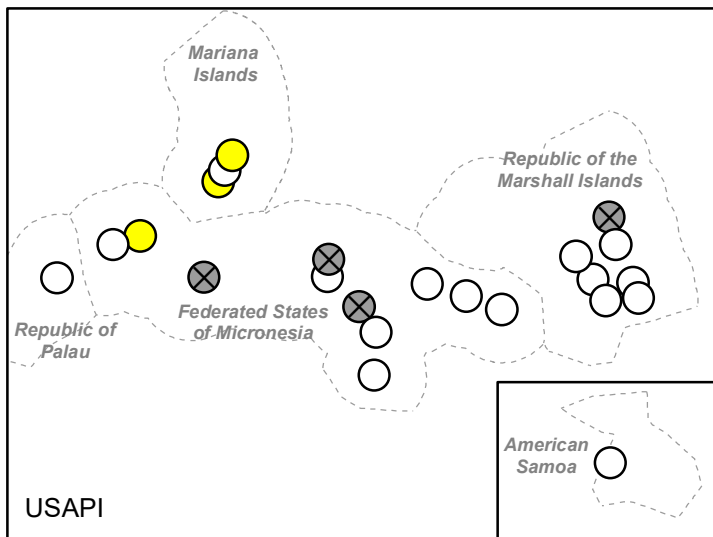
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