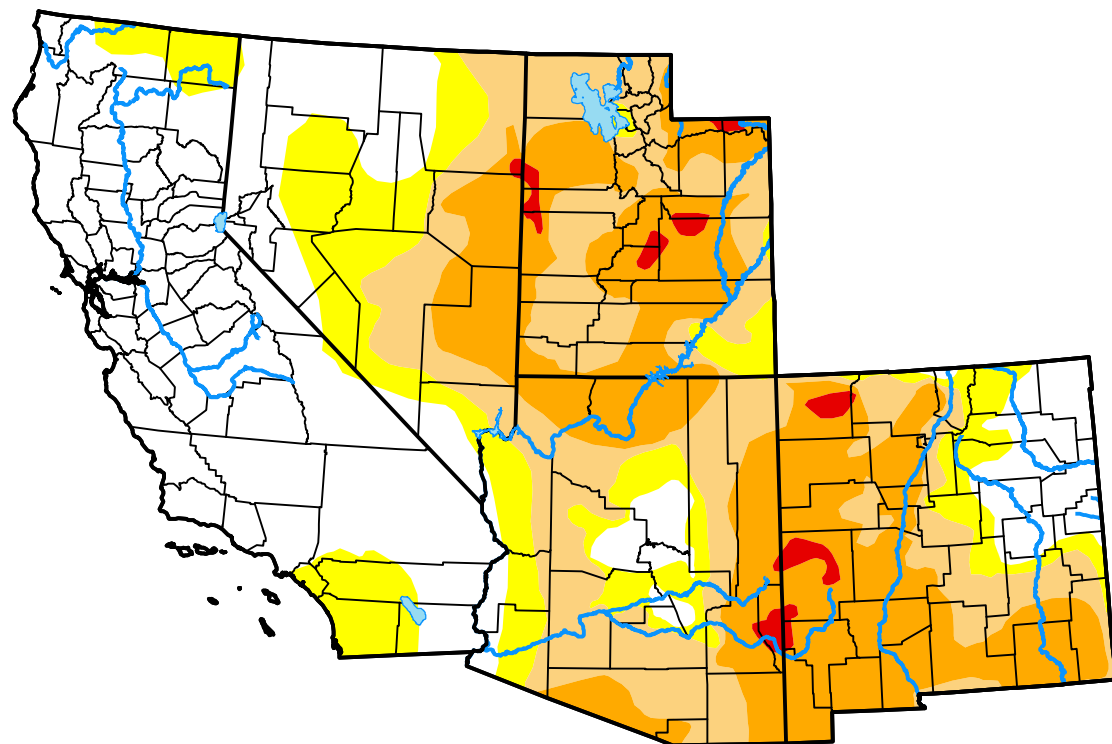


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.64	15.82	22.56	24.65	1.33	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2025</i>	36.24	15.24	23.95	23.45	1.12	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2025</i>	11.51	17.68	17.22	38.97	13.54	1.08
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-07-2025</i>	23.61	32.20	23.32	14.96	5.91	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	11.81	15.23	23.57	37.66	10.96	0.78
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2024</i>	27.08	42.96	13.40	11.27	5.30	0.00

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

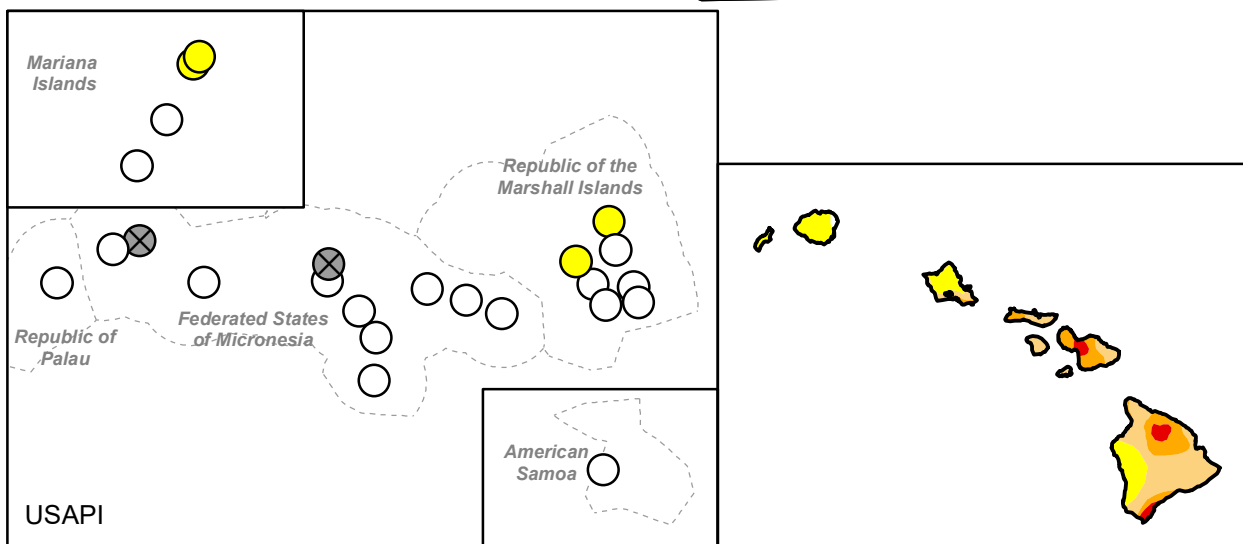
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