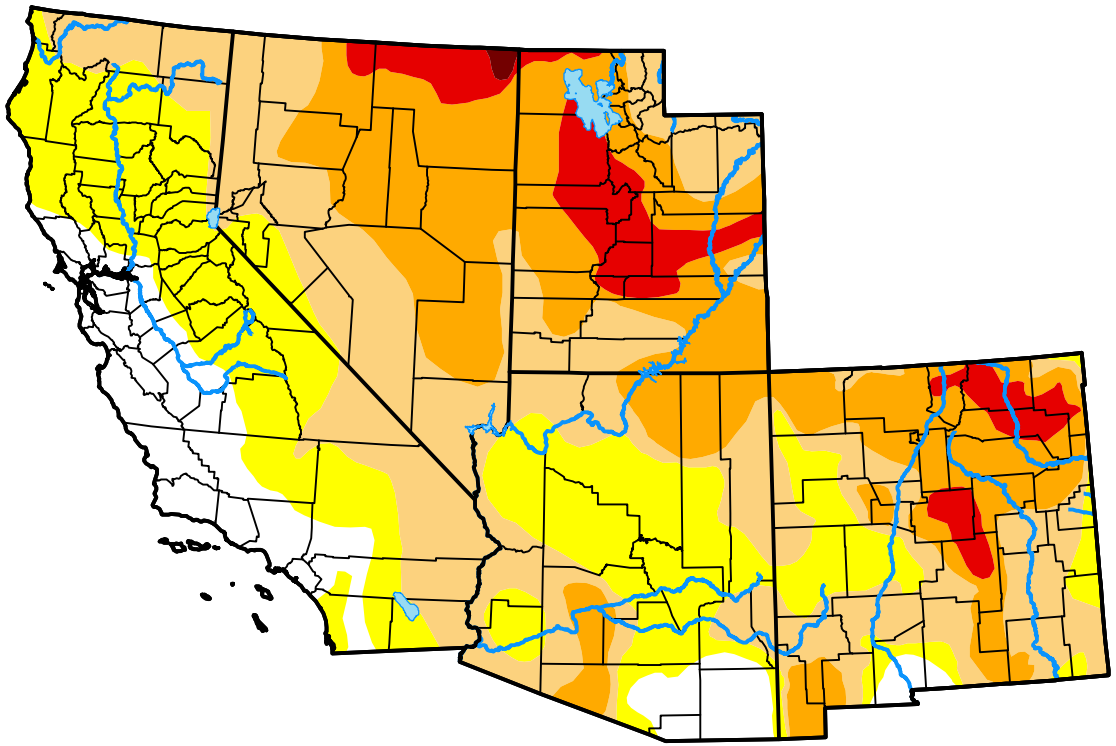
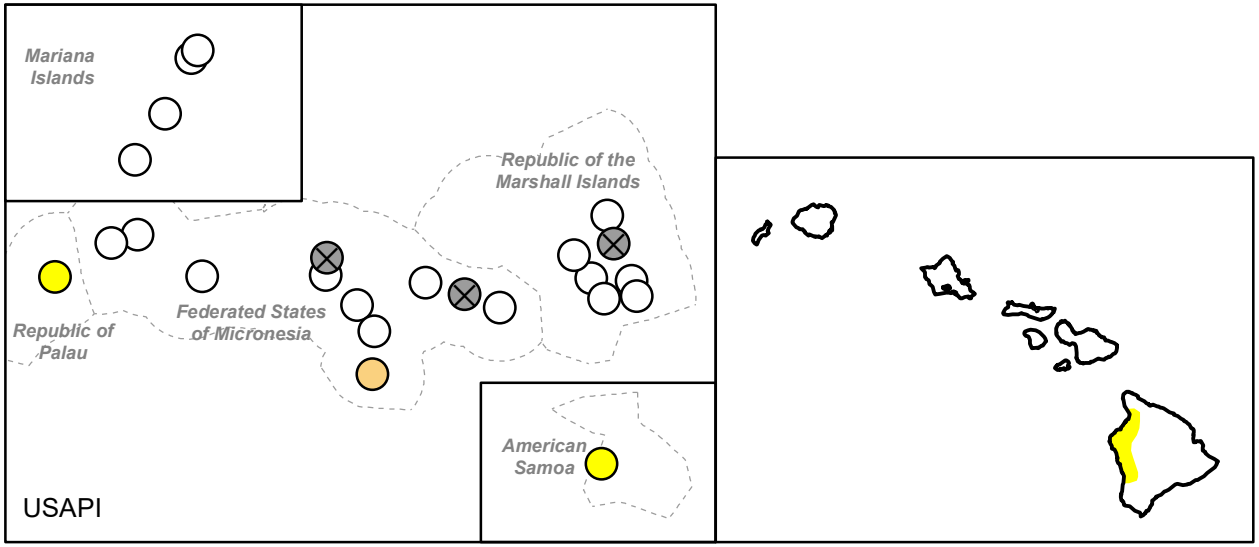
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub





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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.69	25.89	31.91	25.29	6.08	0.14
Last Week *10-06-2026*	10.69	23.95	31.43	26.94	6.85	0.14
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	12.69	21.36	16.02	33.72	15.76	0.46
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	42.93	14.89	22.15	18.79	1.24	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	11.81	15.23	23.57	37.66	10.96	0.78
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	12.20	19.25	25.21	35.49	7.60	0.24

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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