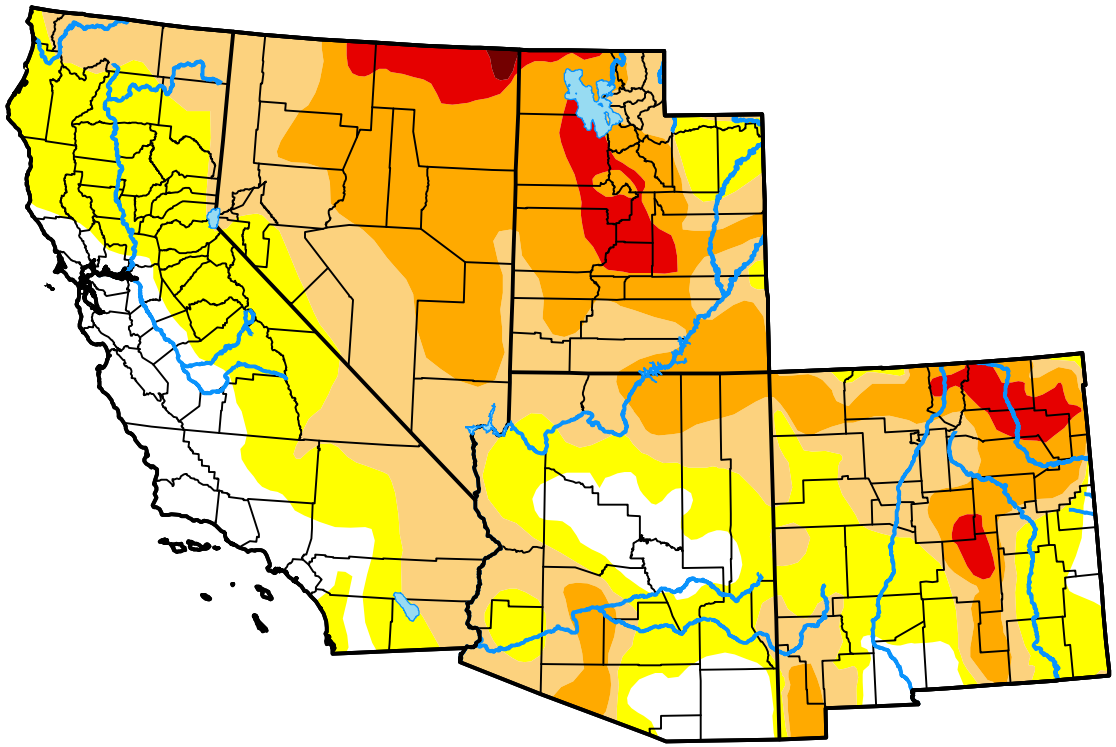
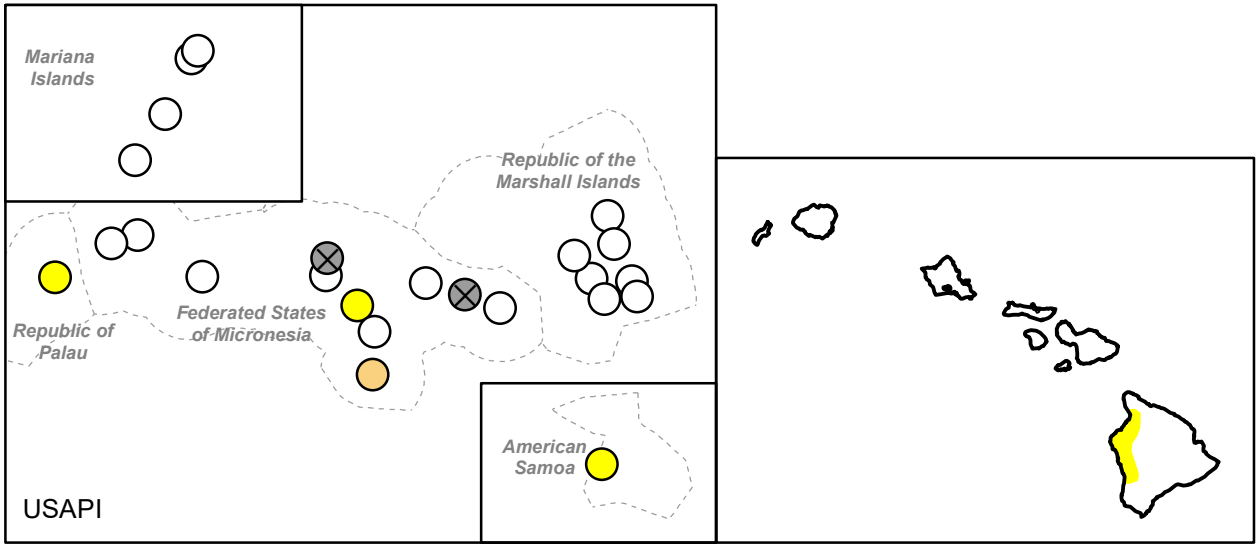
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 14.40 | 28.41 | 29.87 | 22.65 | 4.53 | 0.14 |
| **Last Week** *10-13-2026* | 10.69 | 25.89 | 31.91 | 25.29 | 6.08 | 0.14 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-21-2026* | 12.69 | 21.35 | 16.02 | 33.65 | 15.82 | 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** *09-29-2026* | 10.50 | 20.87 | 30.69 | 29.38 | 8.42 | 0.14 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-21-2025* | 19.41 | 16.53 | 27.19 | 30.66 | 6.20 | 0.00 |

*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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