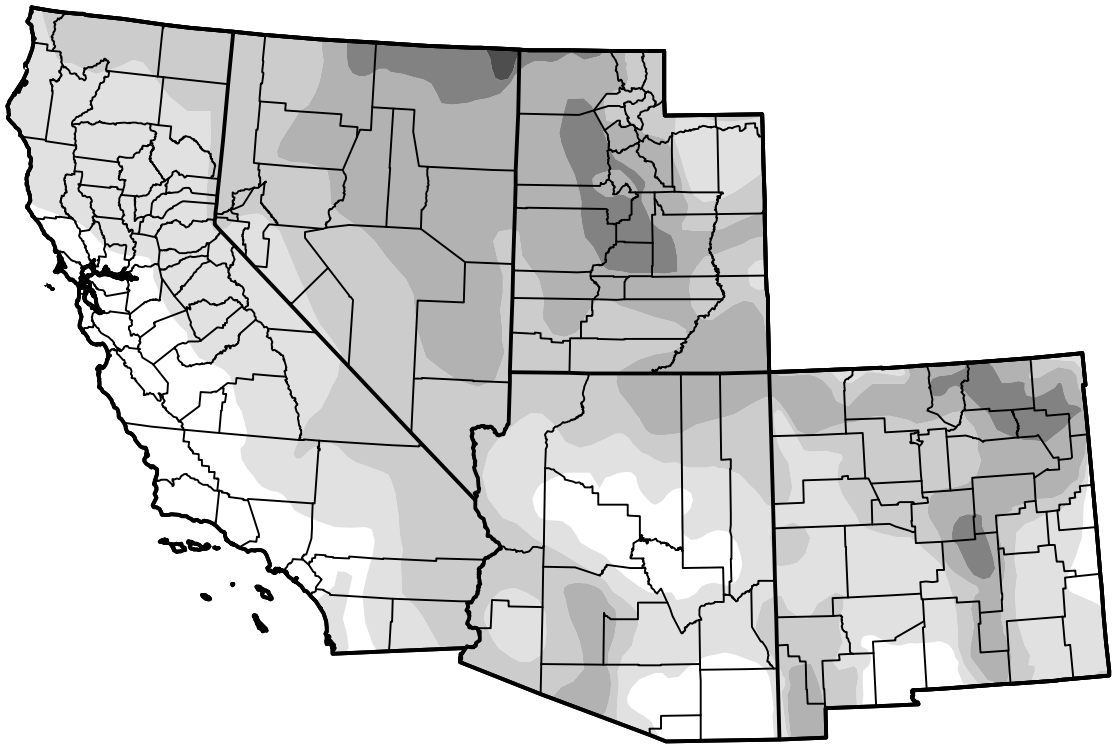
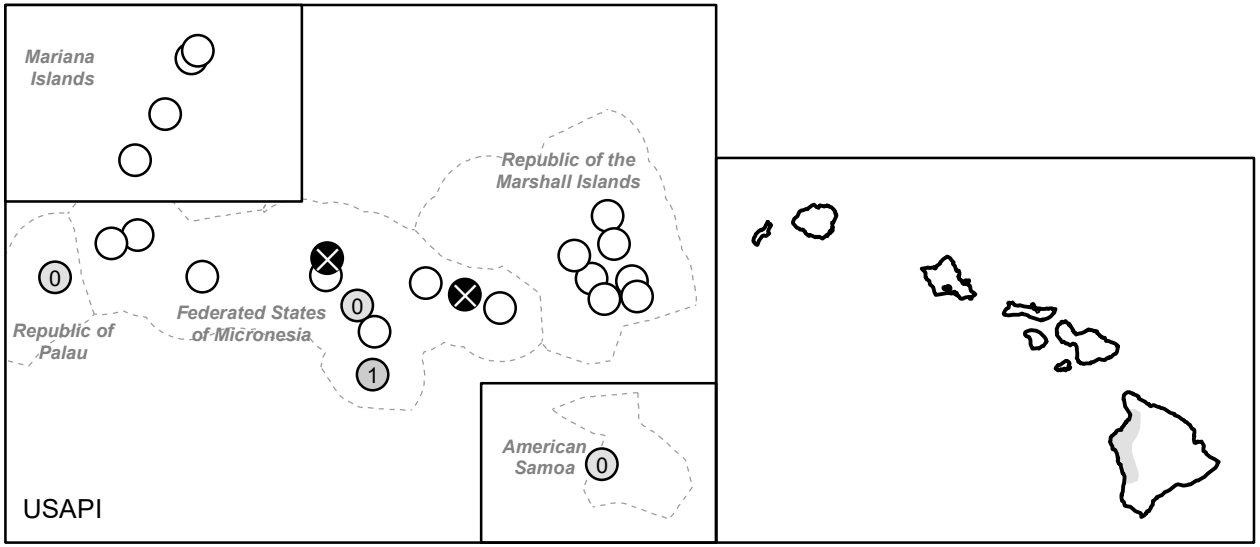
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.40	85.60	57.19	27.32	4.66	0.14
Last Week *10-13-2026*	10.69	89.31	63.42	31.50	6.21	0.14
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	12.69	87.31	65.95	49.93	16.28	0.46
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	42.93	57.07	42.18	20.03	1.24	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	10.50	89.50	68.63	37.94	8.56	0.14
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	19.41	80.59	64.05	36.87	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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