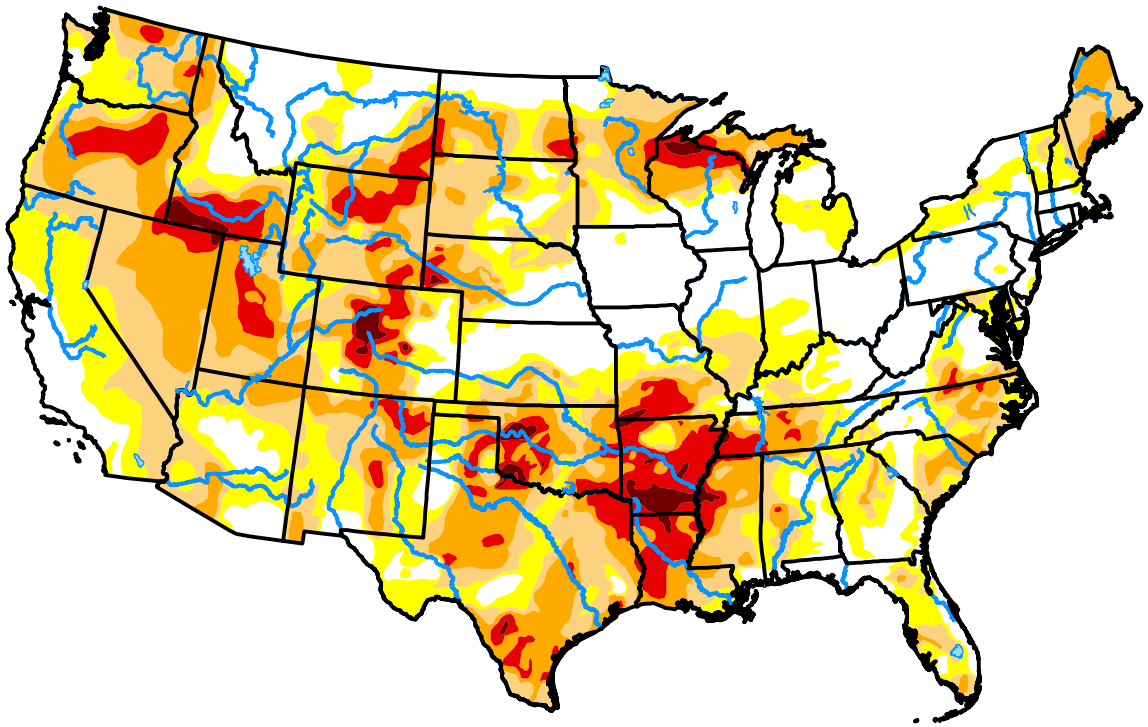
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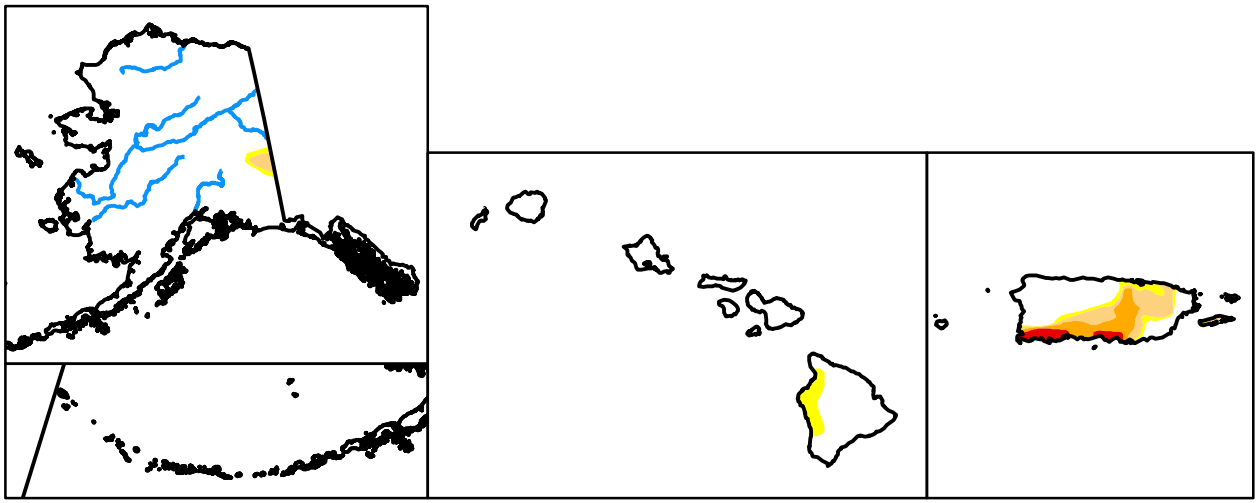
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.58	61.42	42.50	23.98	7.84	1.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	37.12	62.88	45.05	25.37	8.19	1.09
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	44.96	55.04	38.30	24.36	8.95	0.78
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	39.61	60.39	37.57	13.16	1.60	0.05
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	33.58	66.42	49.78	28.25	9.64	1.33
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	39.56	60.44	38.62	17.67	3.89	0.11

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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