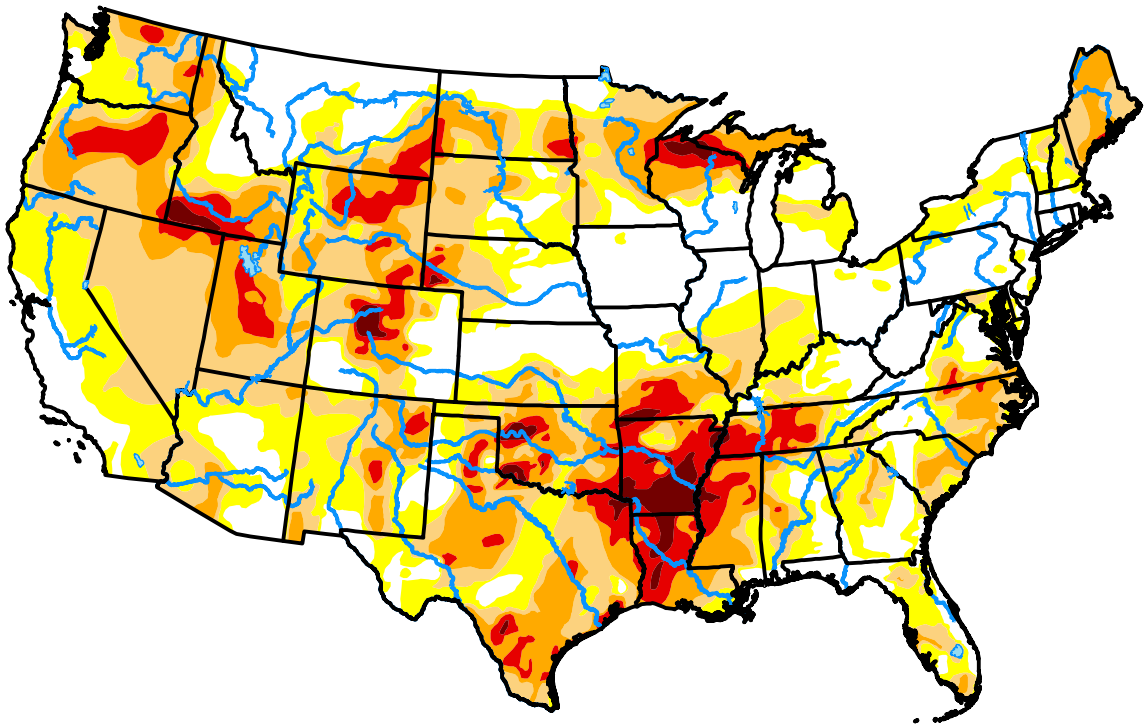
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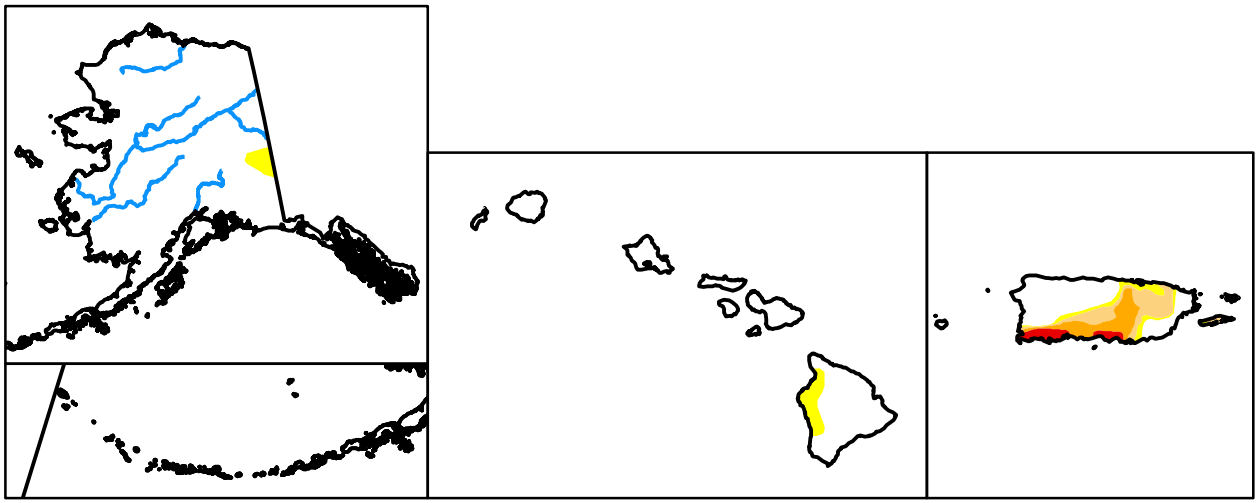
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.01	60.99	41.39	22.36	7.83	1.38
Last Week *10-20-2026*	38.58	61.42	42.50	23.98	7.84	1.00
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	42.72	57.28	40.07	23.66	8.35	0.72
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 *10-28-2025*	42.00	58.00	36.55	17.58	3.49	0.08

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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