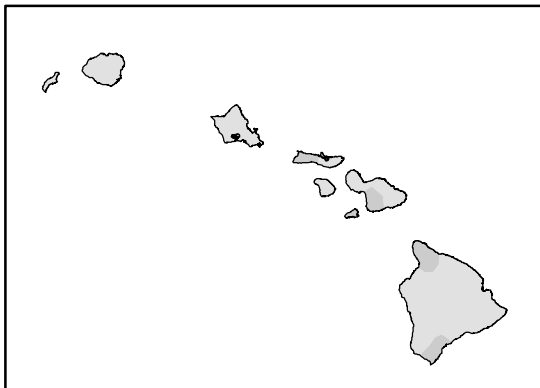
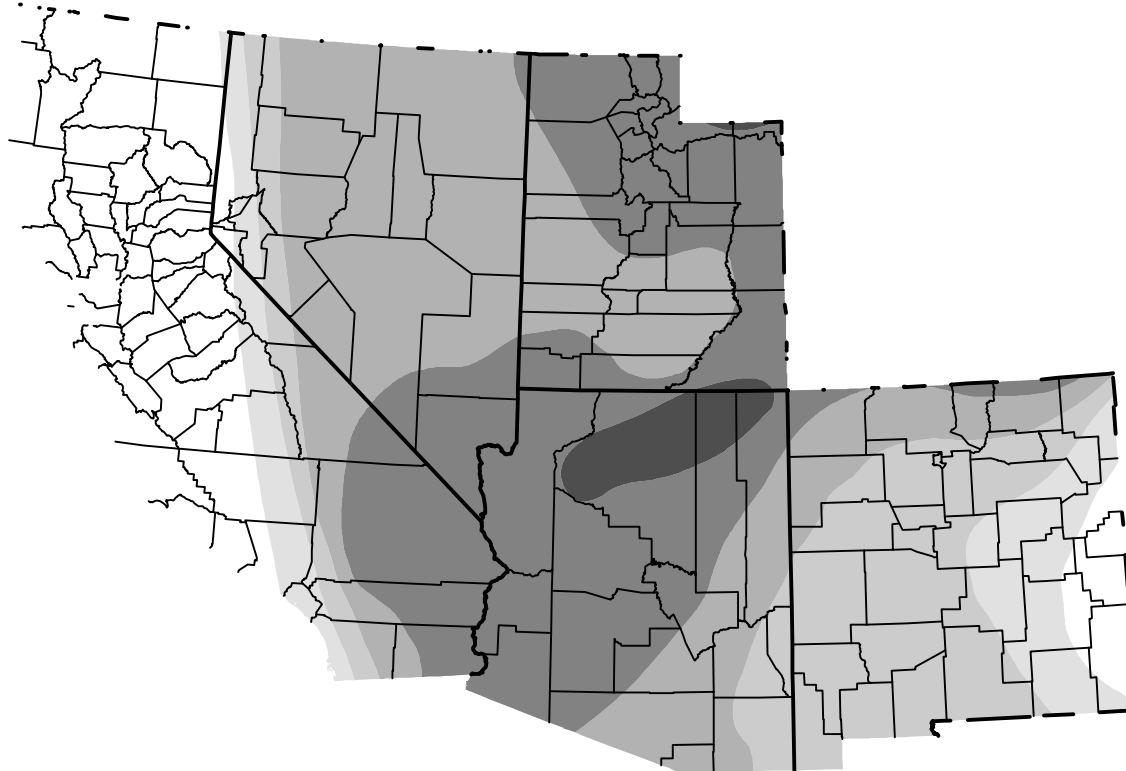


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	18.36	81.64	73.56	58.35	30.27	2.44
<b>Last Week</b> <i>01-09-2003</i>	17.25	82.75	74.84	58.00	26.75	2.42
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>10-17-2002</i>	0.94	99.06	90.98	54.55	28.66	3.05
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>01-17-2002</i>	39.64	60.36	26.40	8.02	0.32	0.00

**Intensity:**



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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