

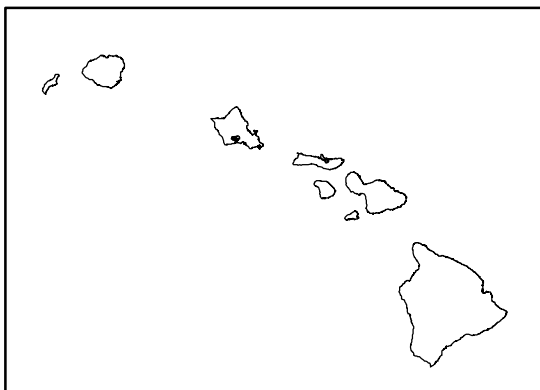
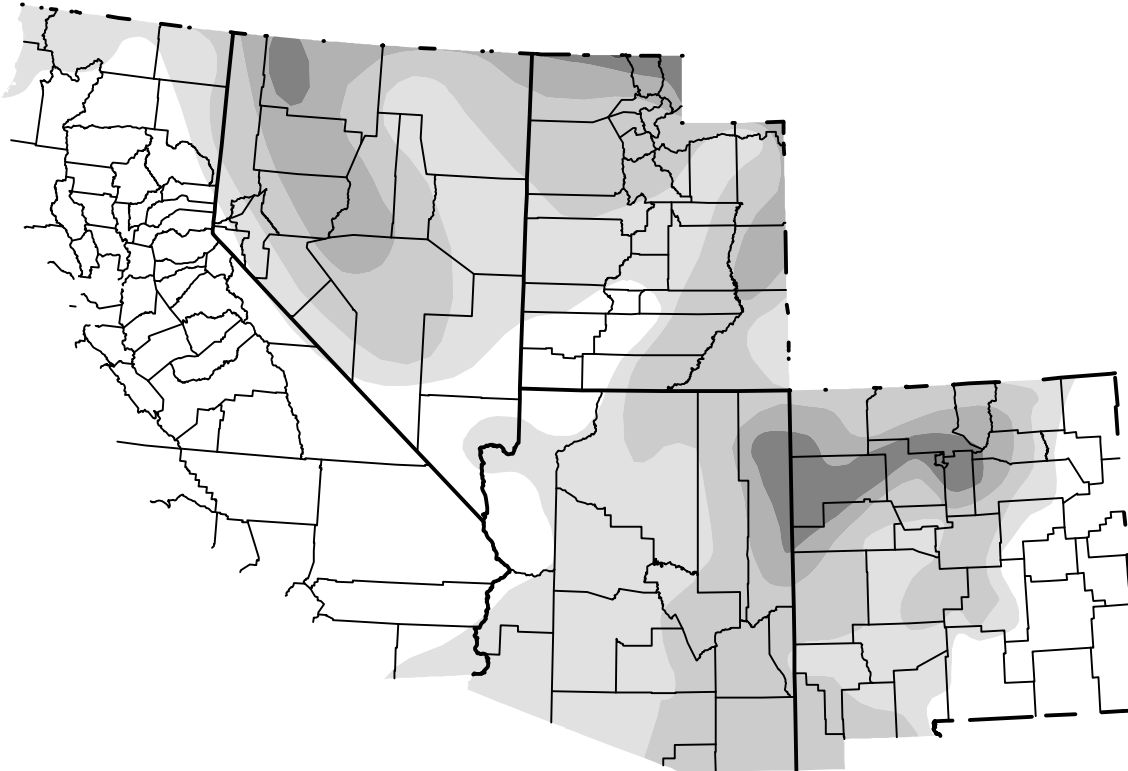
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**February 22, 2005**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005)  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	37.01	26.24	25.44	8.26	3.04	0.01
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-17-2005</i>	37.01	25.18	25.29	9.47	3.04	0.01
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-24-2004</i>	13.44	15.83	25.70	25.15	19.77	0.11
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-26-2004</i>	19.87	7.22	6.51	27.40	29.17	9.82



***Intensity:***



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

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