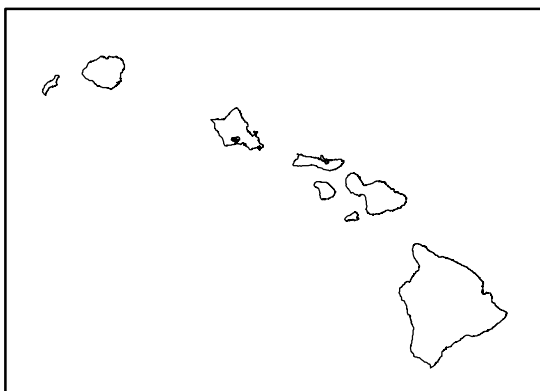
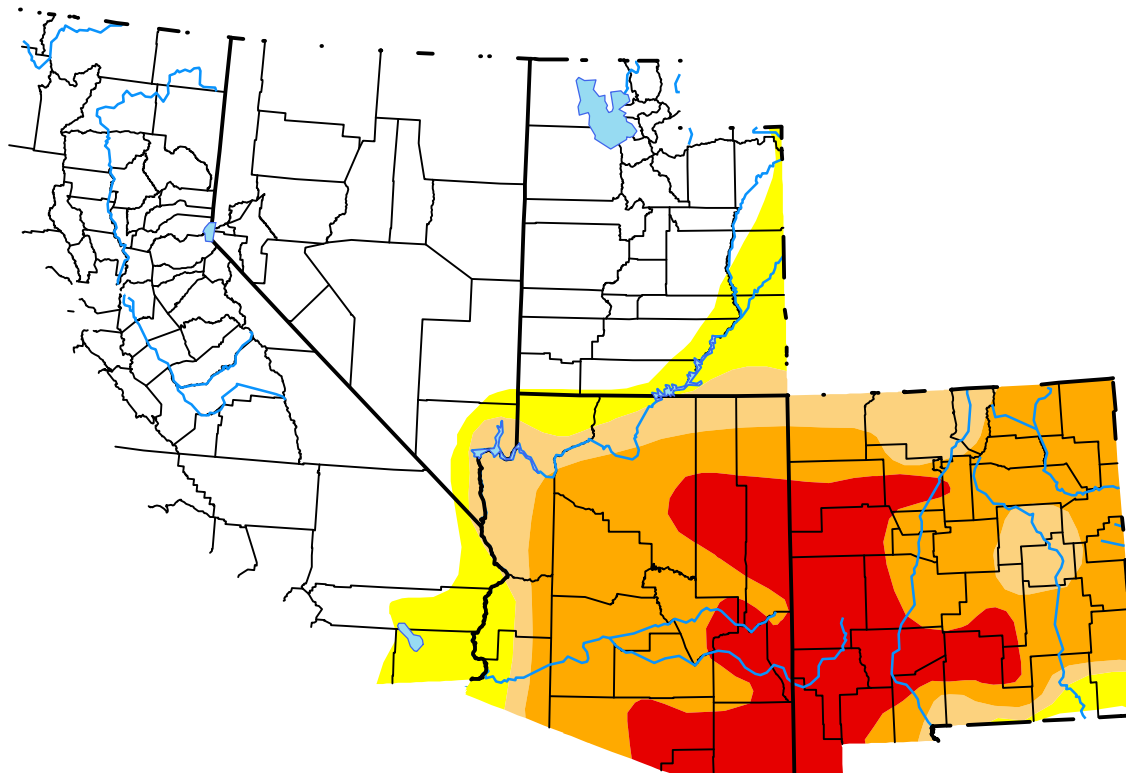


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	54.97	6.65	7.67	19.13	11.58	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-13-2006</i>	54.97	6.65	7.78	20.73	9.87	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-19-2006</i>	56.58	19.30	19.75	4.37	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2005</i>	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-21-2005</i>	64.45	20.00	13.81	1.70	0.03	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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