

# U.S. Drought Monitor

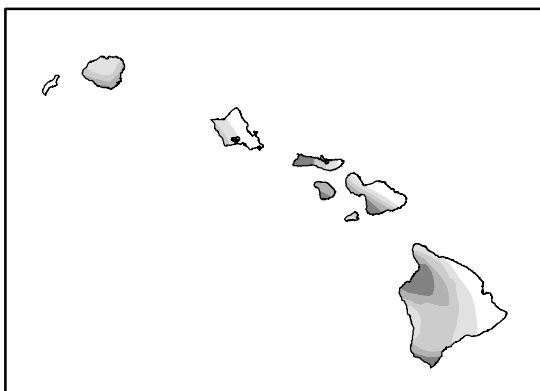
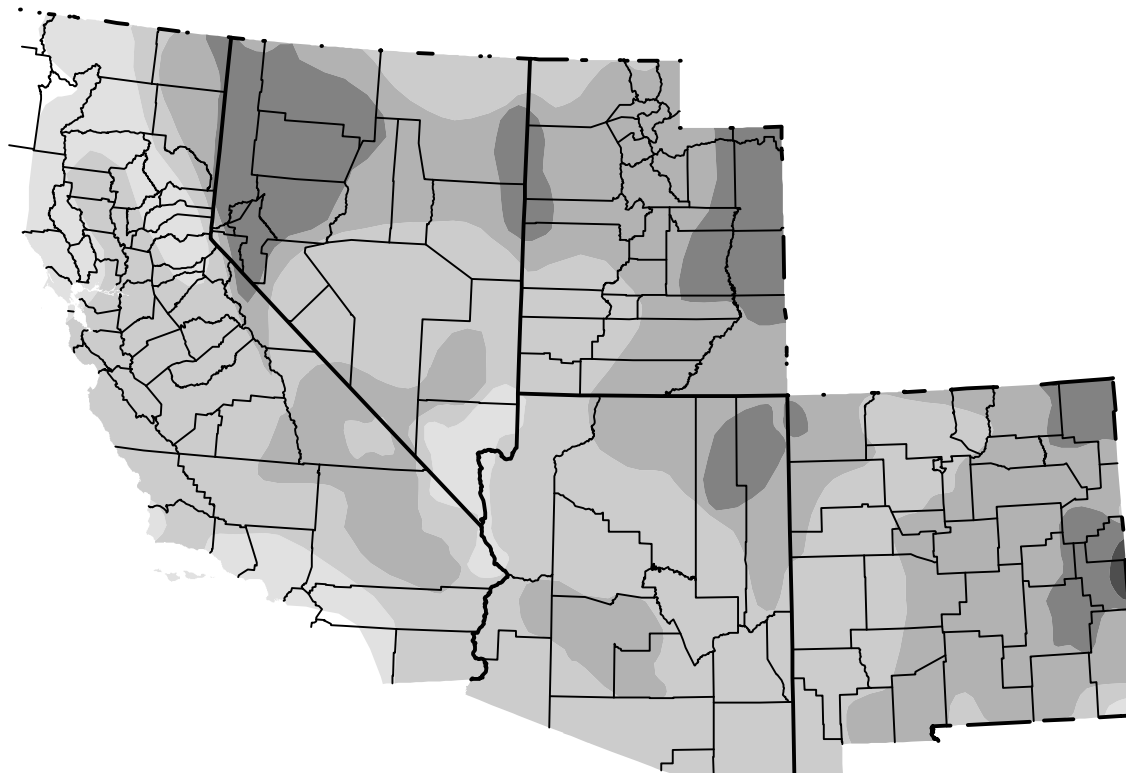
## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	2.01	97.99	89.73	46.56	12.15	0.14
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-11-2012</i>	2.06	97.94	91.23	47.11	12.32	0.14
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-19-2012</i>	4.45	95.55	88.50	65.56	17.15	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-20-2011</i>	55.21	44.79	32.38	25.94	15.79	5.62



### Intensity:



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

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