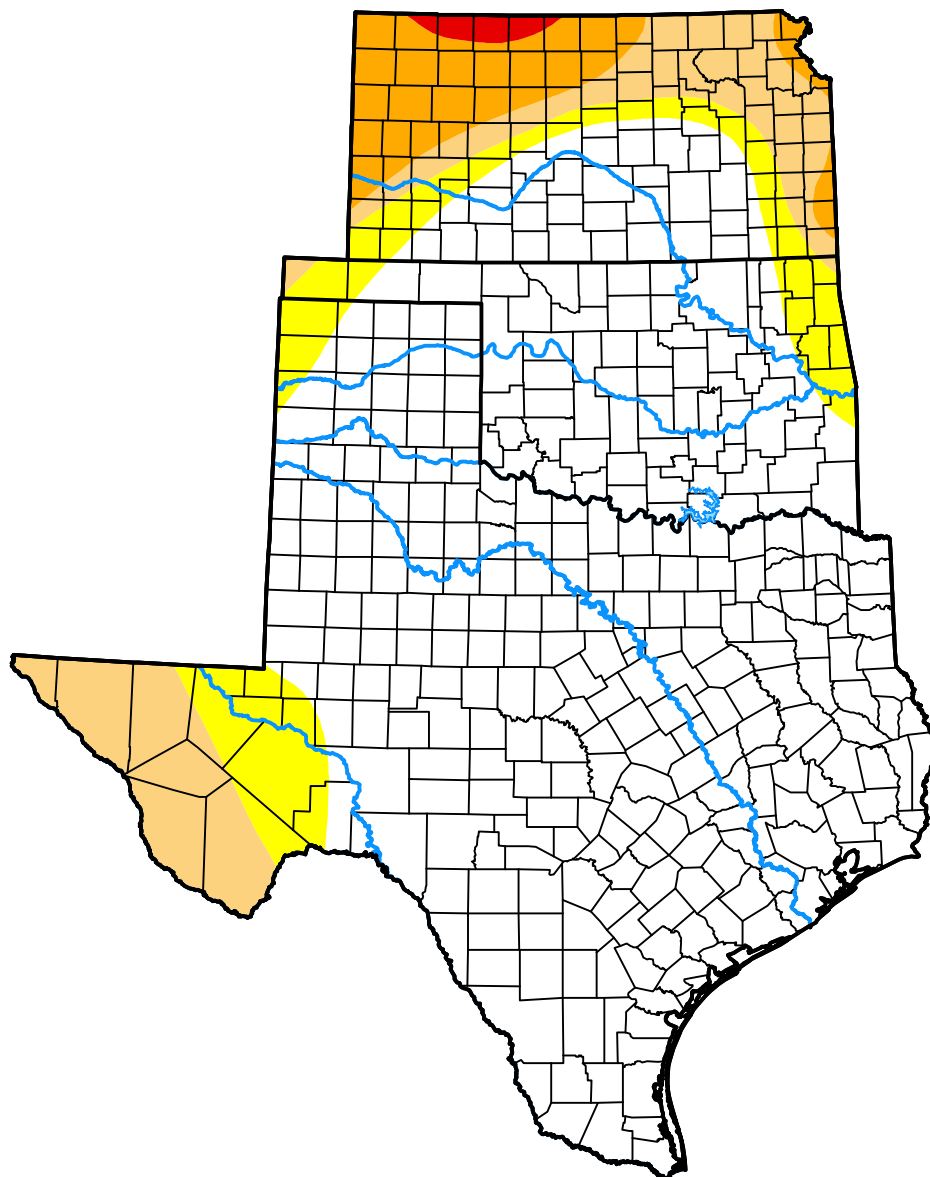








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Climate Hub**

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**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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