

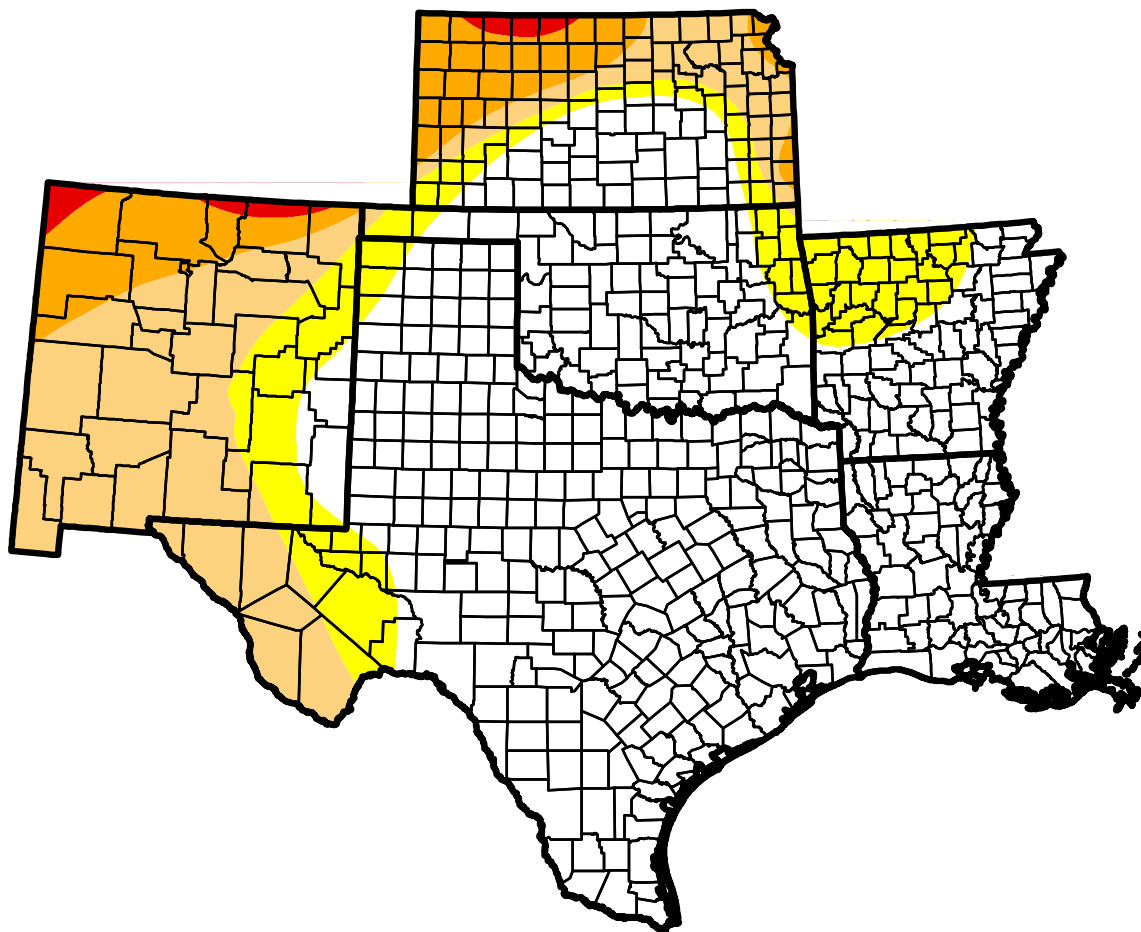
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southern Plains

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	64.00	36.00	24.85	7.97	0.92	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12/3/2002</i>	62.11	37.89	25.31	7.71	0.74	0.01
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>9/10/2002</i>	44.96	55.04	35.13	16.65	7.12	2.66
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>1/1/2002</i>	45.73	54.27	37.51	12.56	4.95	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10/1/2002</i>	30.58	69.42	38.10	14.37	5.03	0.74
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12/11/2001</i>	97.31	2.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



***Intensity:***

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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