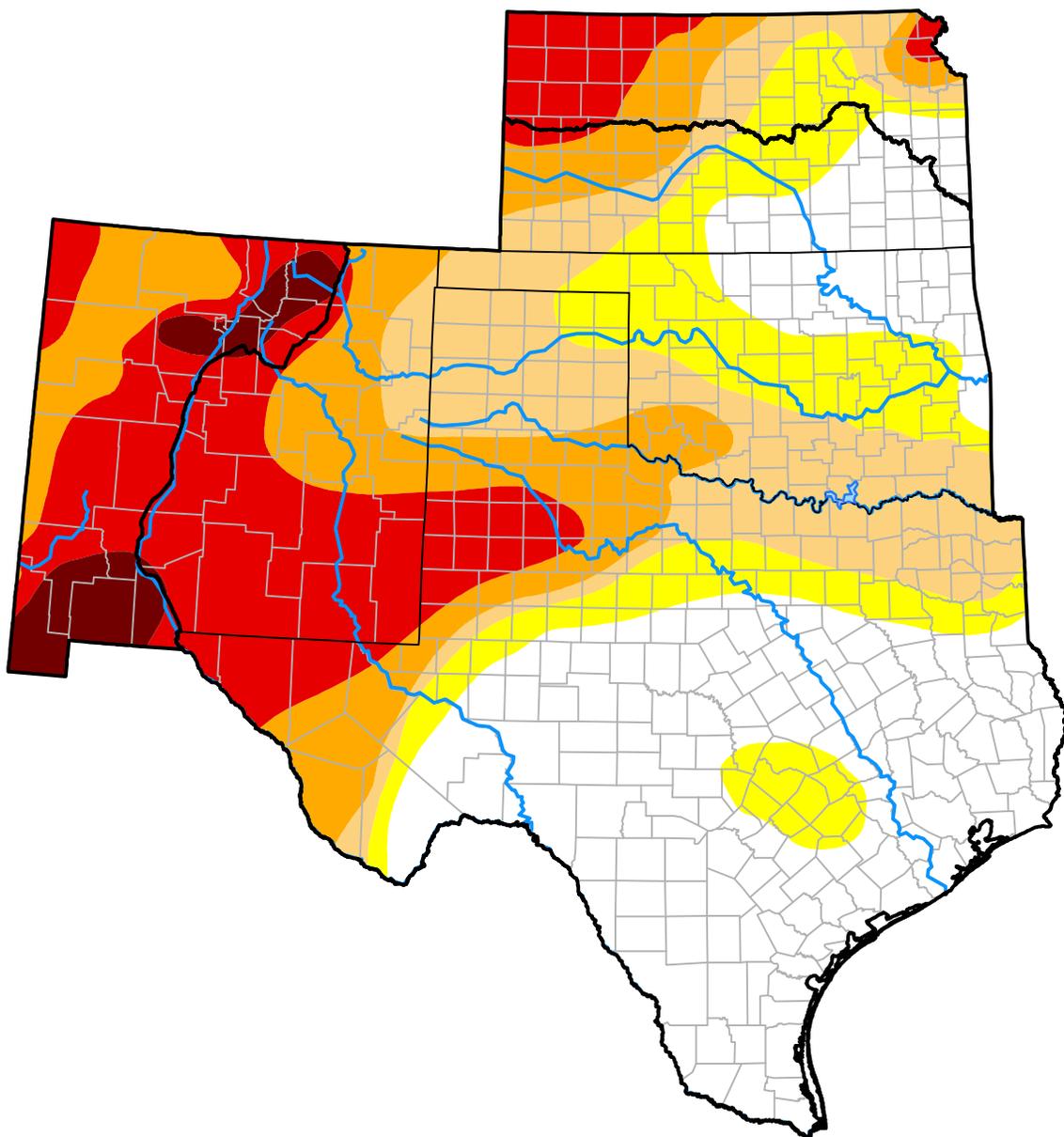


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	34.67	12.94	15.46	14.99	18.48	3.45
Last Week <i>12-11-2003</i>	33.78	13.57	16.24	14.75	18.21	3.45
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2003</i>	31.86	22.60	11.73	12.78	21.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	9.57	19.38	3.26	0.82	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	37.43	21.98	8.39	11.13	21.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-19-2002</i>	65.27	9.25	19.54	5.12	0.82	0.00

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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