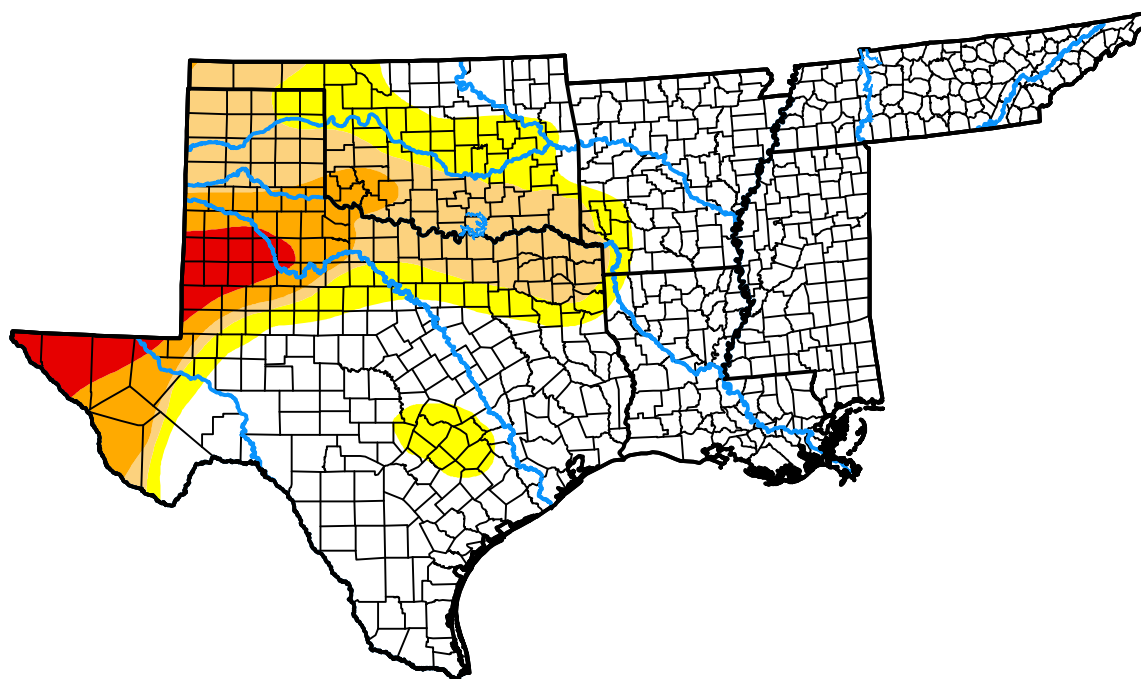


U.S. Drought Monitor South

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.20	34.80	22.63	9.92	3.51	0.00
Last Week 12-09-2003	63.82	36.18	22.87	9.75	3.45	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-16-2003	63.89	36.11	16.45	7.20	1.58	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	90.71	9.29	3.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2003	68.73	31.27	12.15	5.76	1.55	0.00
One Year Ago 12-17-2002	88.46	11.54	4.16	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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