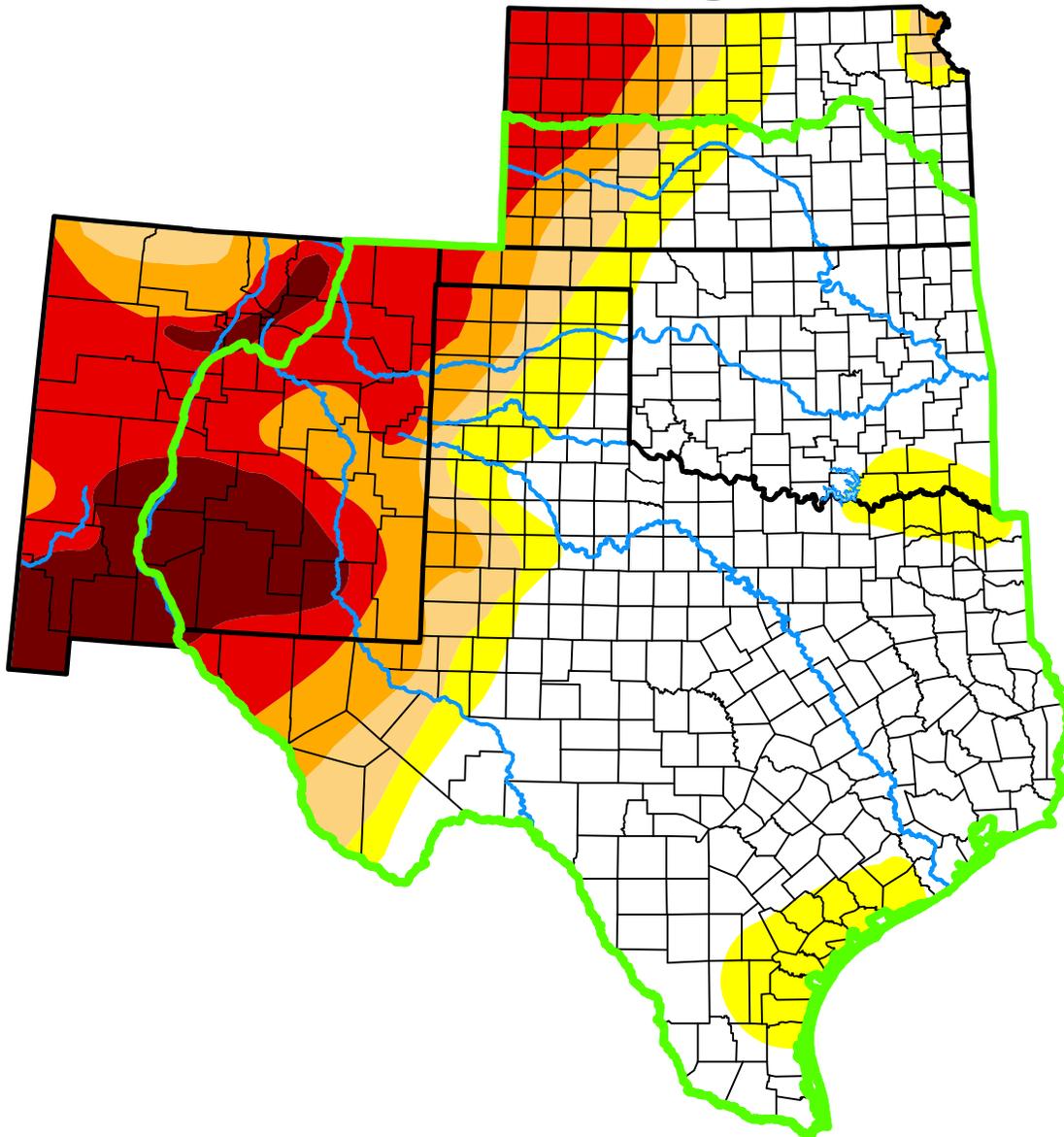


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	60.25	11.67	6.08	8.25	9.39	4.37
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-02-2004</i>	52.59	14.09	9.01	9.76	10.19	4.37
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-09-2003</i>	37.86	16.87	18.39	13.53	13.23	0.12
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	36.64	17.86	13.83	16.29	13.28	2.11
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	39.82	25.54	12.35	11.40	10.89	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	56.22	34.58	8.05	1.08	0.06	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

***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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