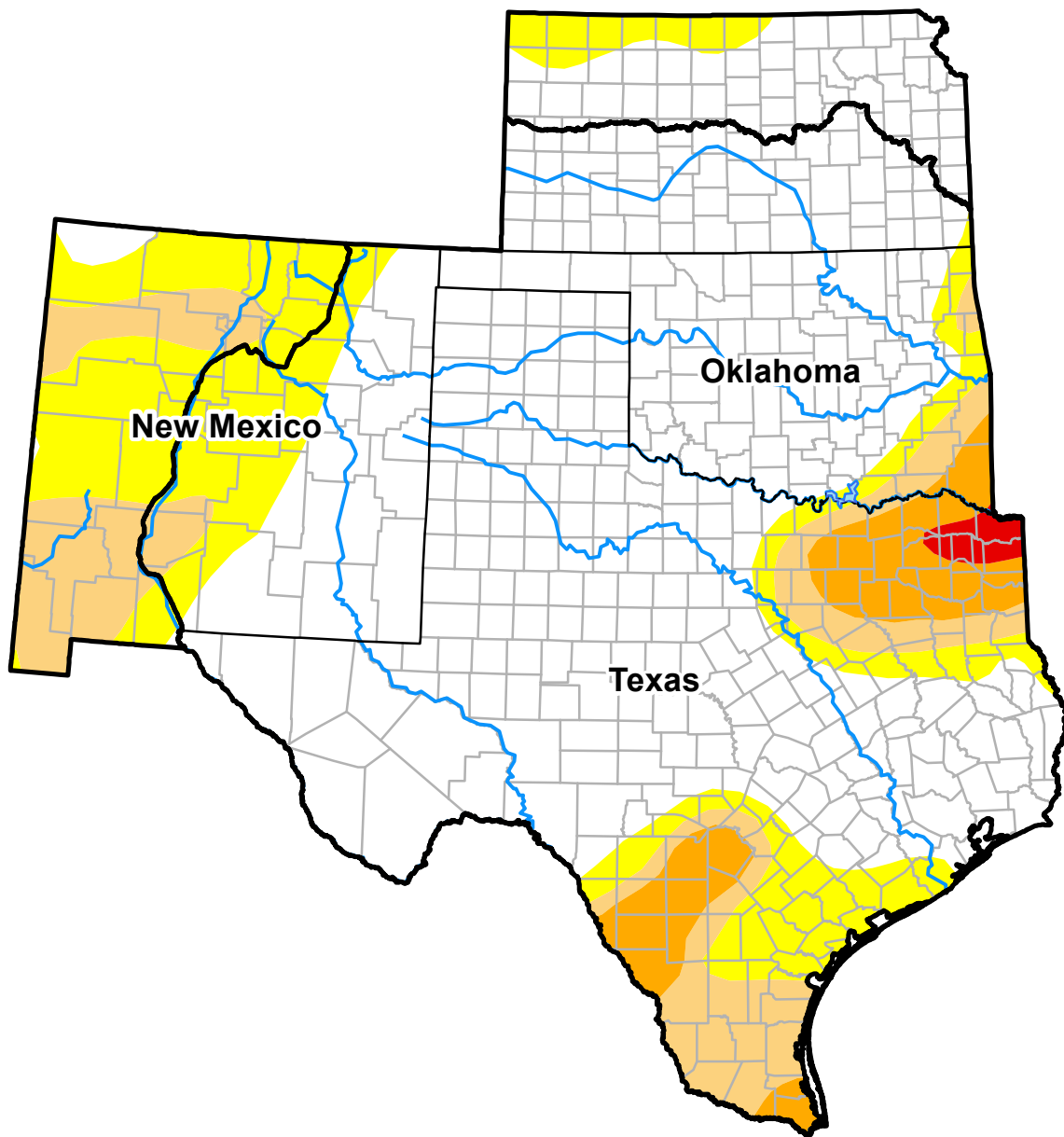


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	73.53	12.11	7.56	6.12	0.69	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2005</i>	69.93	13.20	9.56	6.61	0.69	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2005</i>	54.89	26.73	13.83	4.56	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	94.03	2.24	2.87	0.86	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	88.77	5.73	3.28	2.22	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-24-2004</i>	88.95	5.26	3.57	2.21	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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