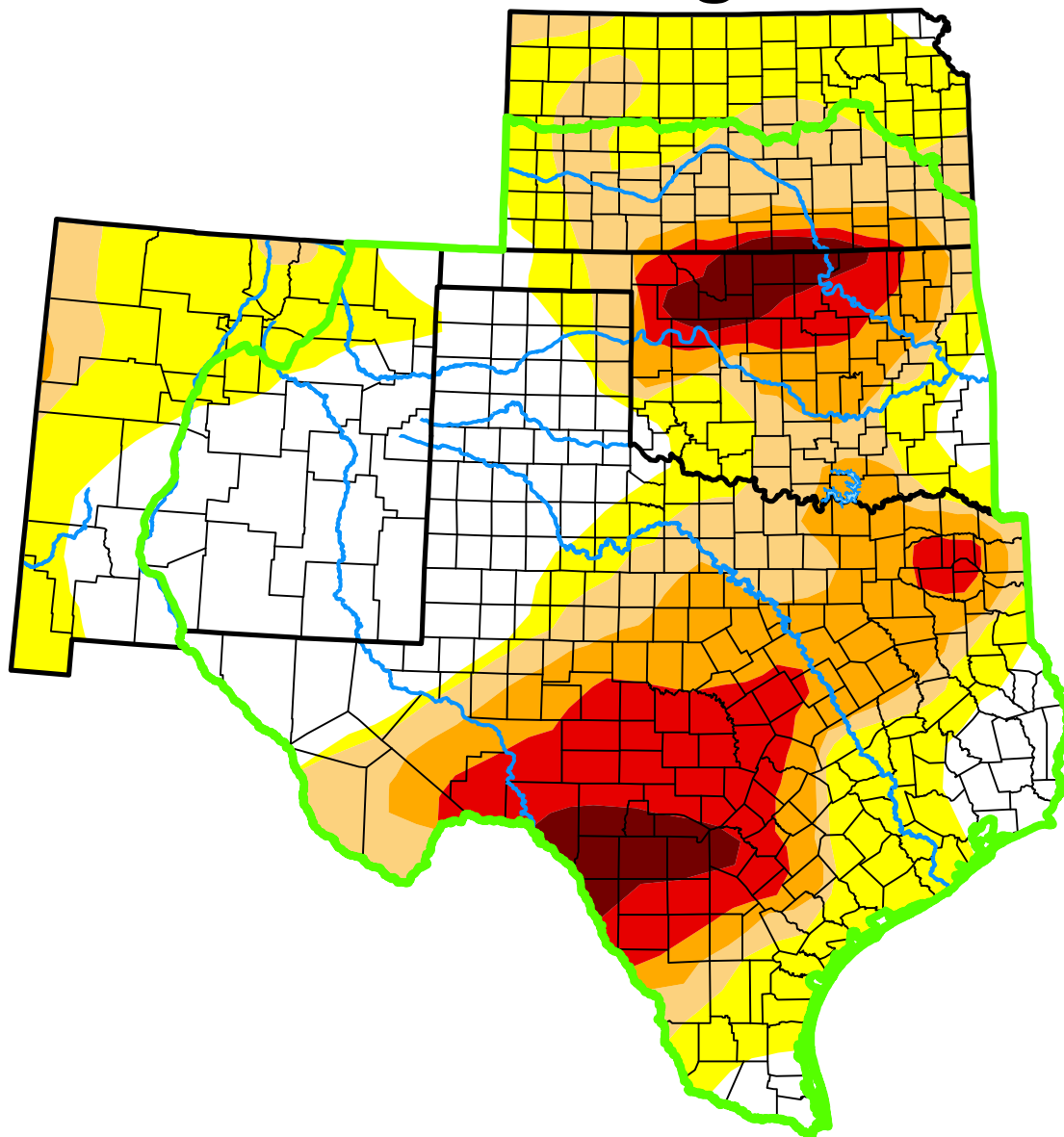


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	30.87	69.13	50.82	32.77	15.98	4.17
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	31.35	68.65	46.94	29.76	15.39	1.19
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	29.39	70.61	58.69	41.65	29.20	9.86
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	15.99	84.01	53.49	30.01	14.62	3.40
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	31.25	68.75	53.55	33.77	14.85	0.99
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	18.26	81.74	50.21	24.53	6.27	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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