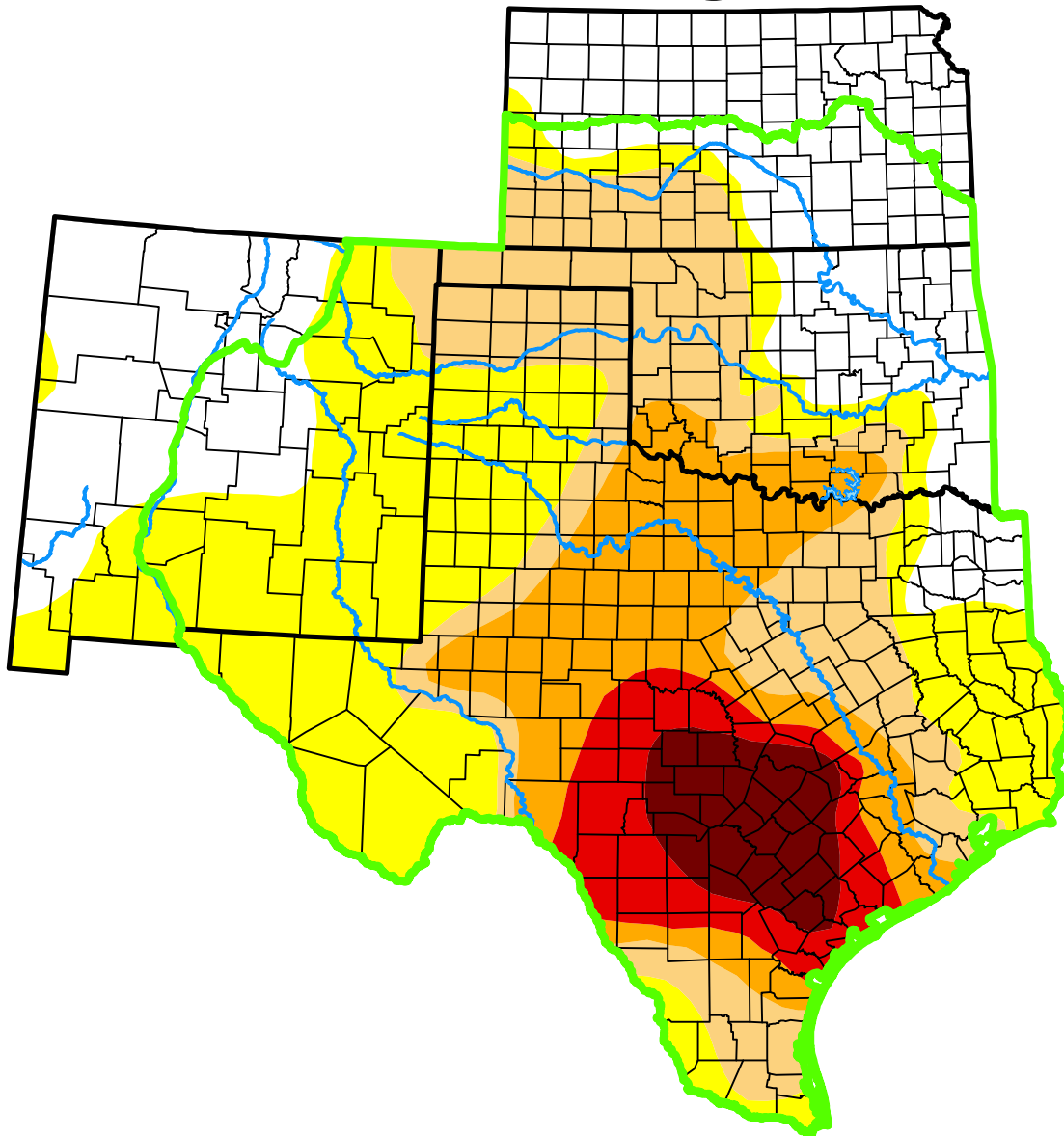


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**February 24, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	16.60	32.76	22.77	15.86	6.86	5.15
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-17-2009</i>	17.19	39.07	15.88	15.86	6.86	5.15
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-25-2008</i>	63.97	19.51	7.94	4.28	4.29	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	27.18	7.66	4.09	2.96	2.50
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	15.54	8.36	4.30	2.19	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-26-2008</i>	35.36	34.43	18.57	10.43	1.21	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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