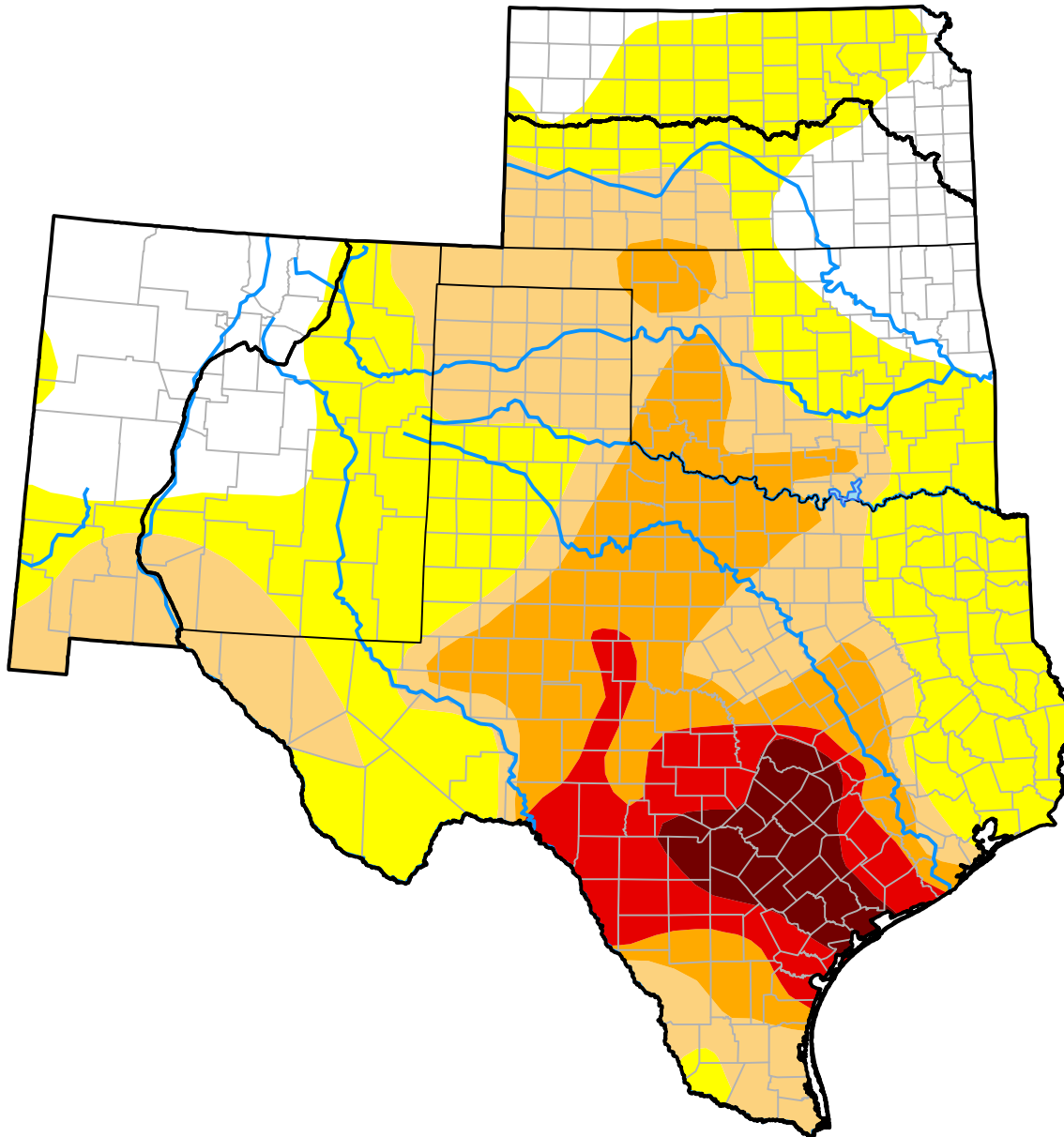


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	14.68	85.32	53.07	28.59	11.50	4.11
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-12-2009</i>	14.68	85.32	61.46	29.29	13.03	5.57
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-18-2008</i>	51.96	48.04	18.31	9.36	5.27	2.41
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	47.43	16.48	9.21	5.27	2.41
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	29.51	12.92	6.06	2.11	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-20-2008</i>	41.52	58.48	40.99	9.16	2.28	0.00

***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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