

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

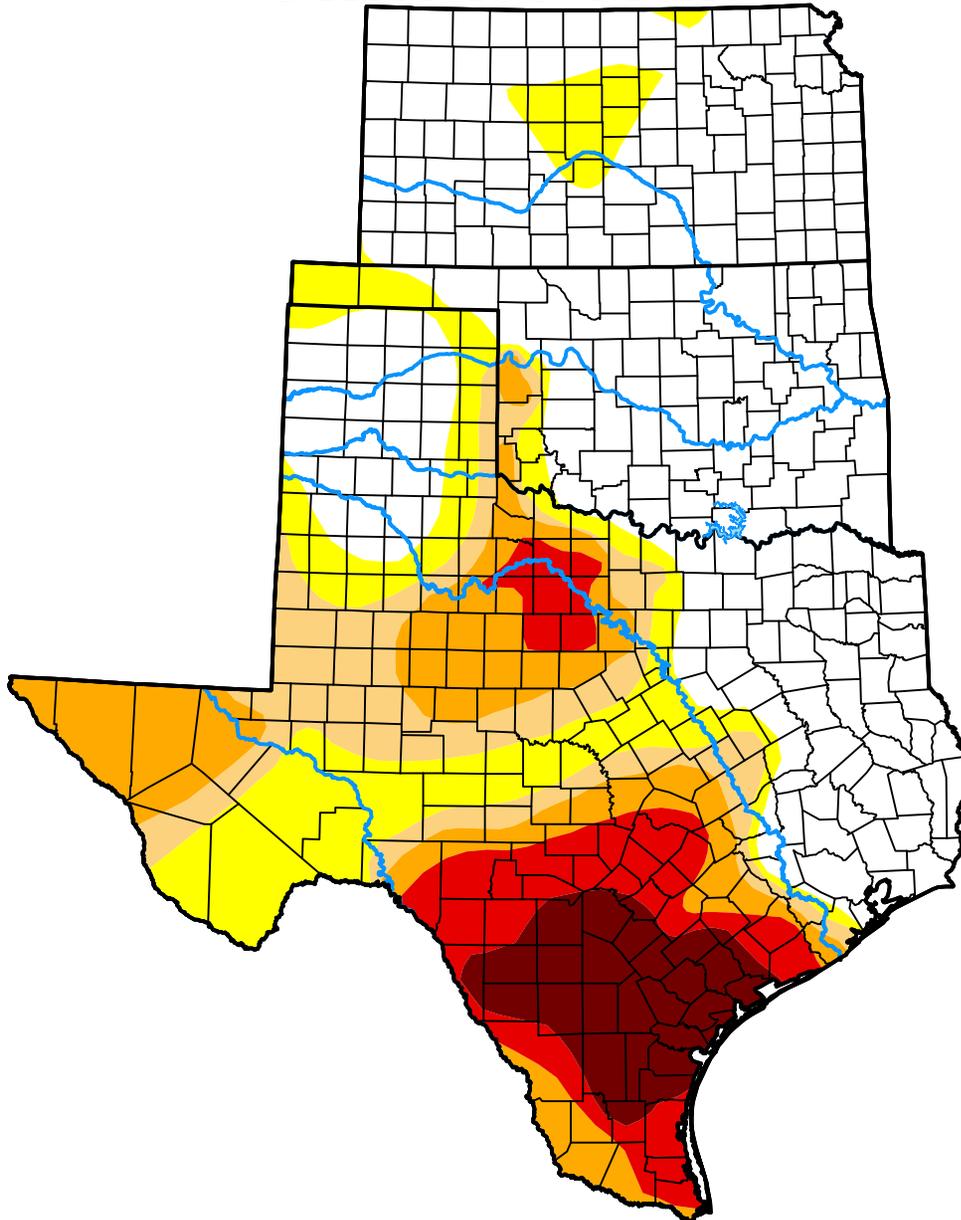
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 50.58 | 49.42 | 34.73 | 25.20 | 13.74 | 6.18 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-28-2009</i>              | 40.61 | 59.39 | 40.01 | 27.69 | 13.59 | 6.18 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-03-2009</i>           | 22.36 | 77.64 | 50.29 | 30.71 | 12.44 | 4.23 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 56.12 | 43.88 | 17.73 | 10.08 | 5.76  | 2.64 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 73.18 | 26.82 | 15.22 | 6.84  | 2.31  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-06-2008</i>           | 54.26 | 45.74 | 27.76 | 16.15 | 4.37  | 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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