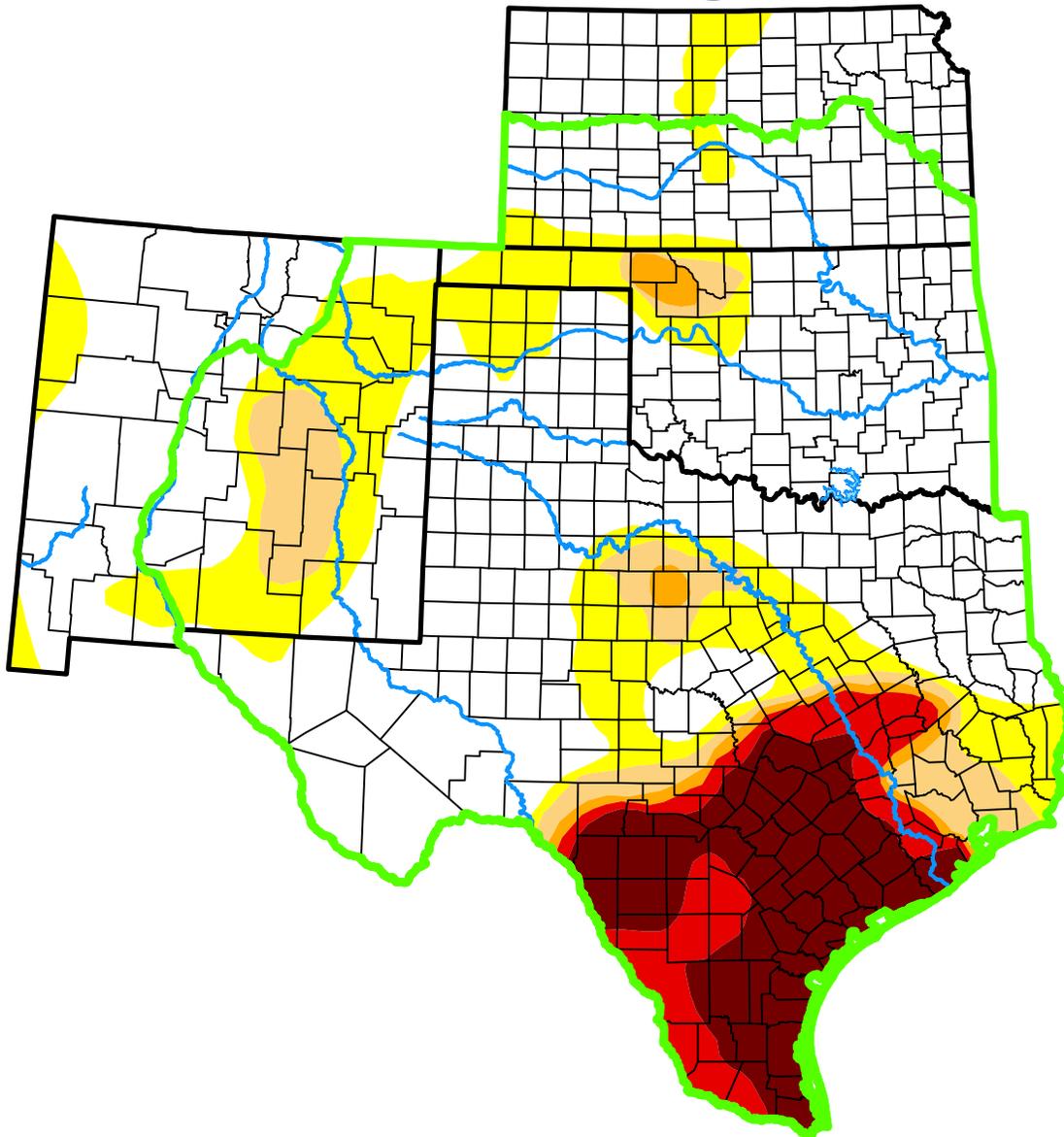


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	57.33	18.04	6.78	1.76	5.17	10.92
Last Week <i>08-11-2009</i>	56.48	18.93	6.63	1.93	5.89	10.14
3 Months Ago <i>05-19-2009</i>	43.64	14.73	13.14	16.16	7.21	5.12
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	27.18	7.66	4.09	2.96	2.50
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	15.54	8.36	4.30	2.19	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-19-2008</i>	44.47	27.72	13.97	9.45	4.39	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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