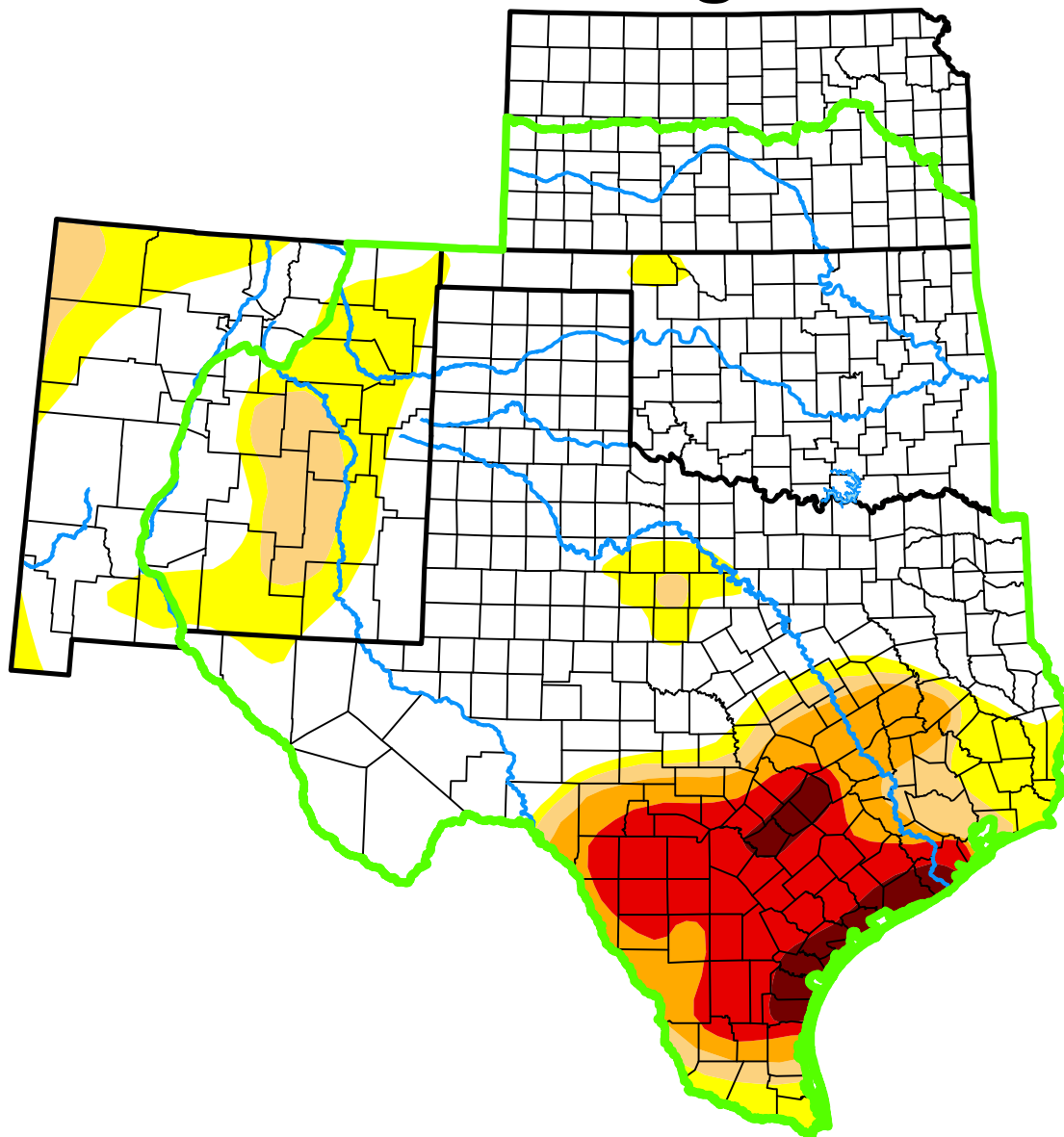


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



September 15, 2009
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 67.56 | 32.44 | 20.83 | 15.19 | 9.54 | 2.03 |
| Last Week <i>09-08-2009</i> | 60.33 | 39.67 | 24.39 | 17.18 | 15.02 | 9.68 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>06-16-2009</i> | 33.25 | 66.75 | 39.58 | 19.54 | 9.96 | 4.61 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i> | 55.60 | 44.40 | 17.22 | 9.56 | 5.47 | 2.50 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i> | 69.61 | 30.39 | 14.85 | 6.49 | 2.19 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>09-16-2008</i> | 72.38 | 27.62 | 15.34 | 5.41 | 1.44 | 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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