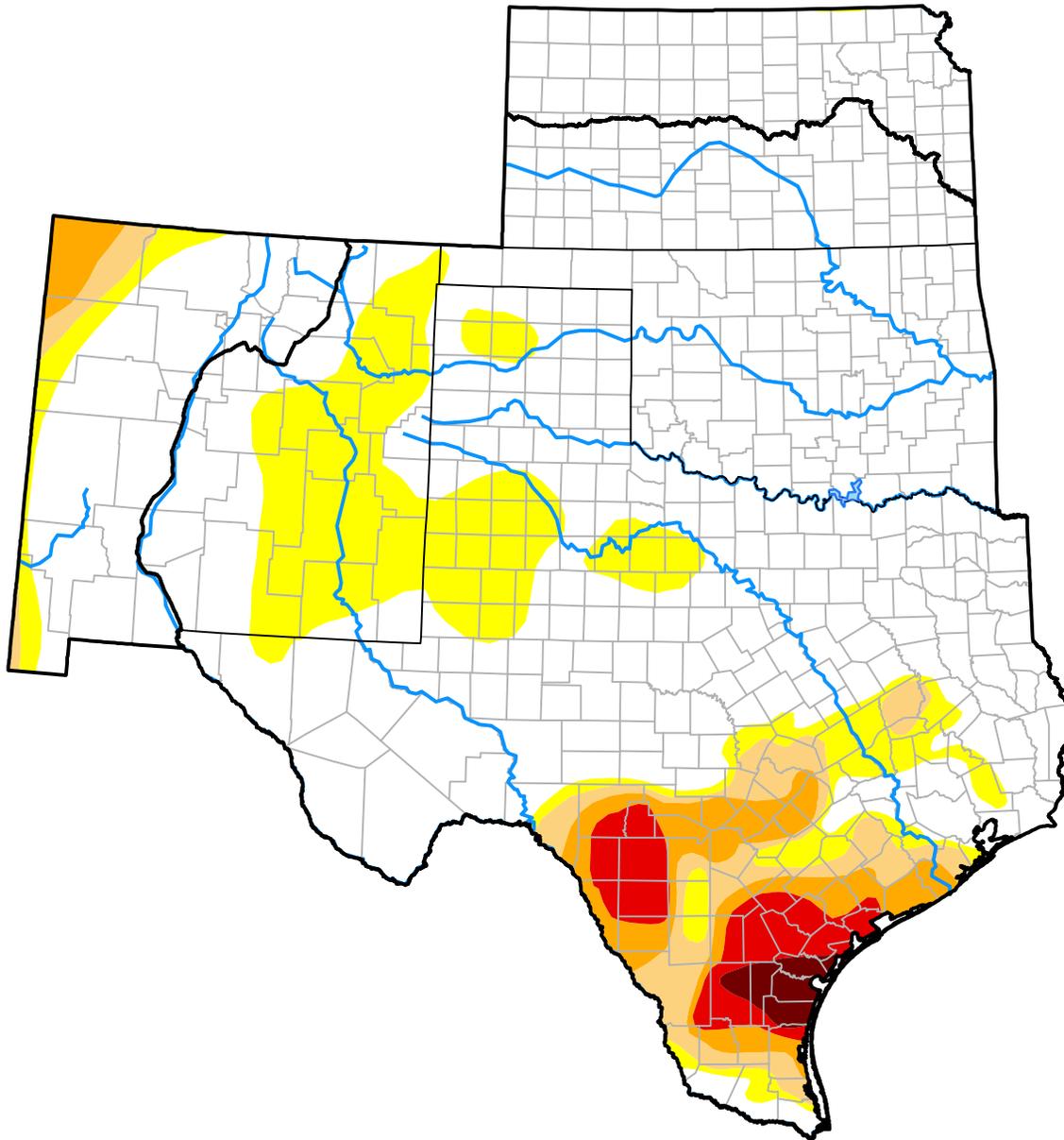


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	69.56	16.88	4.86	4.72	3.13	0.85
Last Week <i>10-15-2009</i>	74.08	12.38	5.05	4.85	2.77	0.85
3 Months Ago <i>07-23-2009</i>	38.54	29.78	13.46	3.90	4.74	9.58
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	30.95	7.26	3.94	2.86	2.41
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	71.51	11.55	4.20	5.60	5.33	1.82
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2008</i>	74.48	14.15	4.55	4.20	2.62	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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