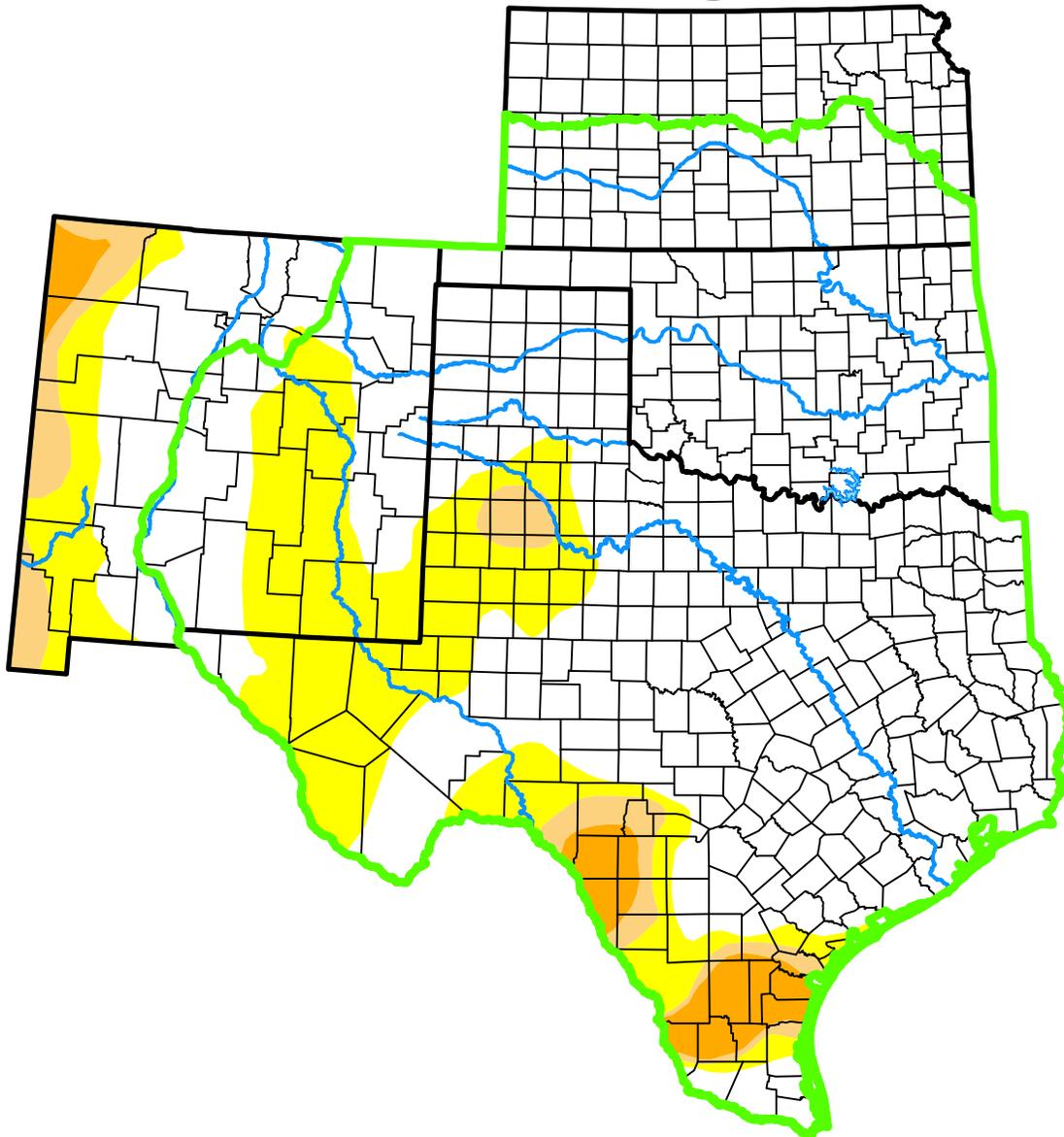


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	77.16	17.74	2.36	2.75	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	76.83	16.72	2.91	2.31	1.24	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	67.56	11.61	5.64	5.65	7.50	2.03
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>09-29-2009</i>	72.67	10.57	3.53	5.81	5.53	1.89
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	56.66	24.22	9.41	4.25	2.96	2.50

(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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