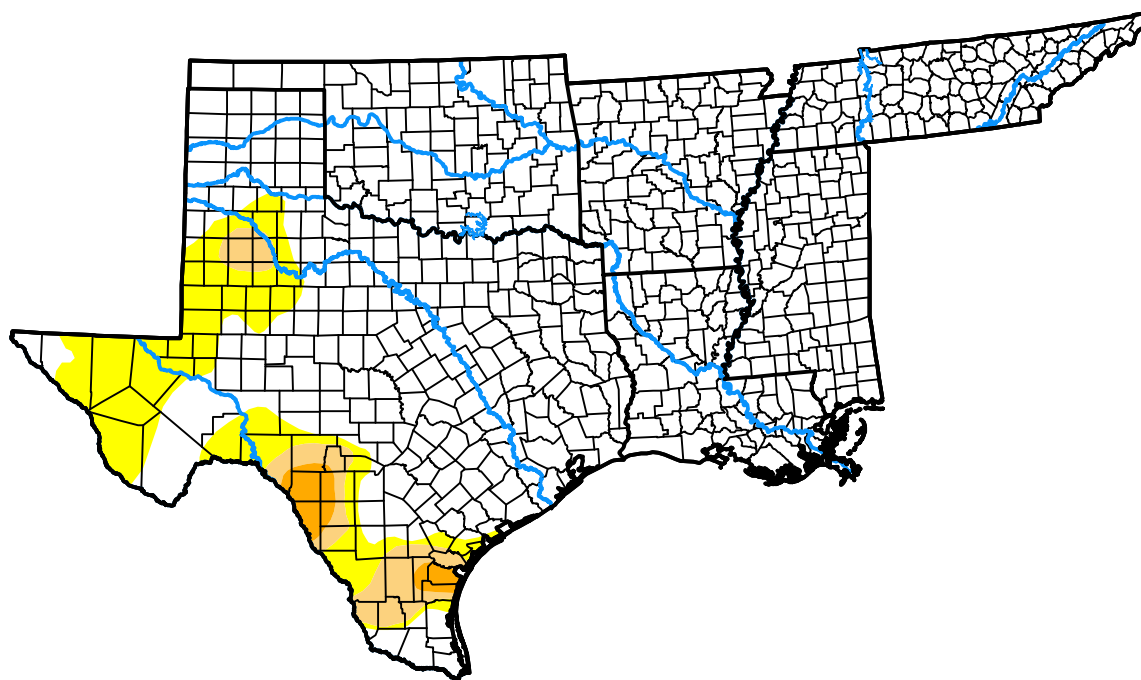


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## South

**December 22, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 86.00 | 9.89  | 2.94  | 1.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-15-2009</i>              | 85.75 | 9.98  | 1.98  | 2.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-22-2009</i>           | 76.31 | 9.32  | 2.83  | 3.71 | 5.92 | 1.91 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 58.91 | 24.01 | 9.07  | 3.43 | 2.48 | 2.10 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 78.61 | 7.35  | 2.96  | 4.87 | 4.63 | 1.58 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-23-2008</i>           | 51.84 | 28.71 | 10.86 | 4.01 | 2.48 | 2.10 |

**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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