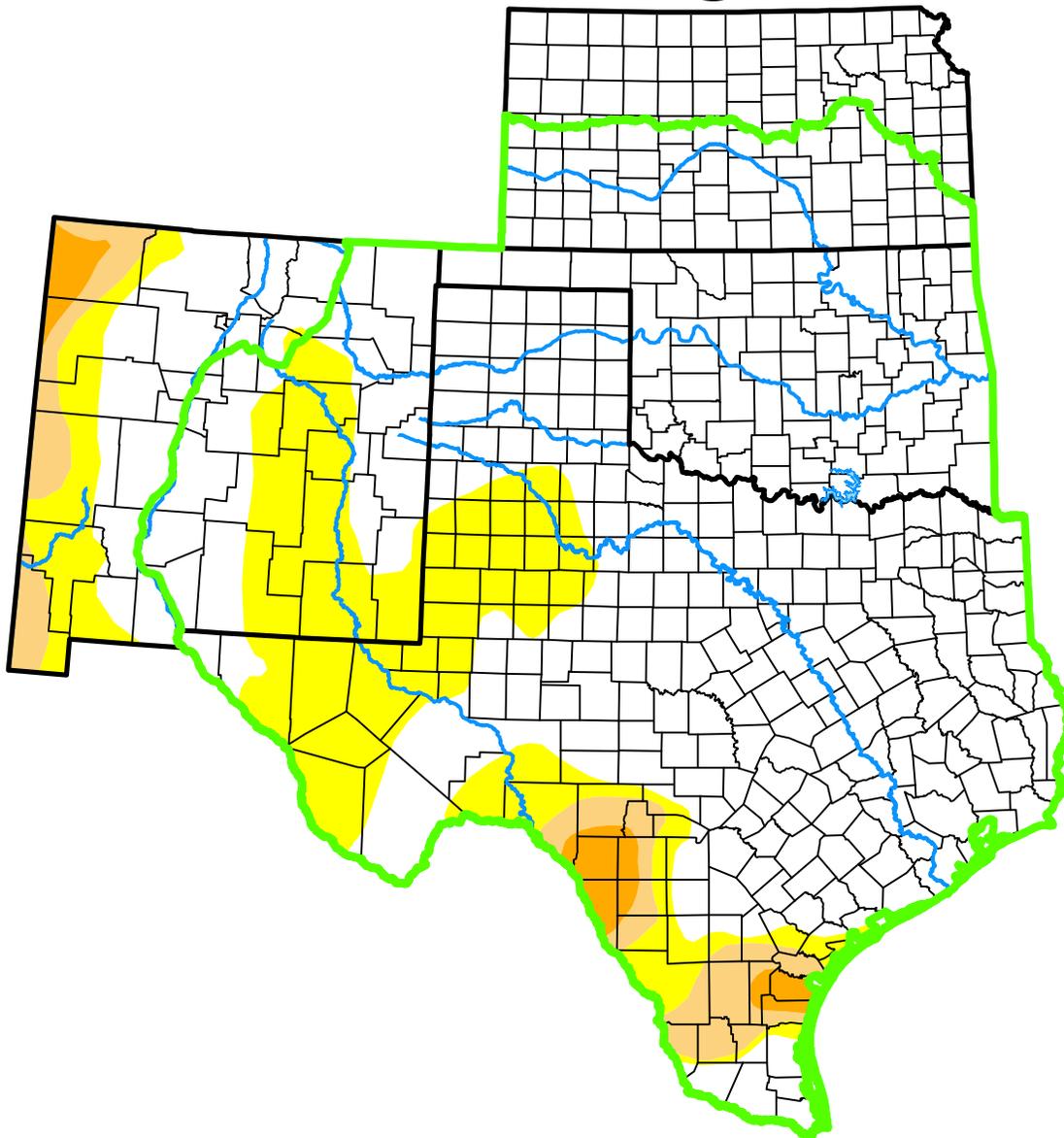


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**December 29, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.84	22.16	4.21	1.39	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-22-2009</i>	77.46	22.54	4.90	1.39	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	72.67	27.33	16.75	13.22	7.42	1.89
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	44.40	17.22	9.56	5.47	2.50
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	72.67	27.33	16.75	13.22	7.42	1.89
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	44.40	17.22	9.56	5.47	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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