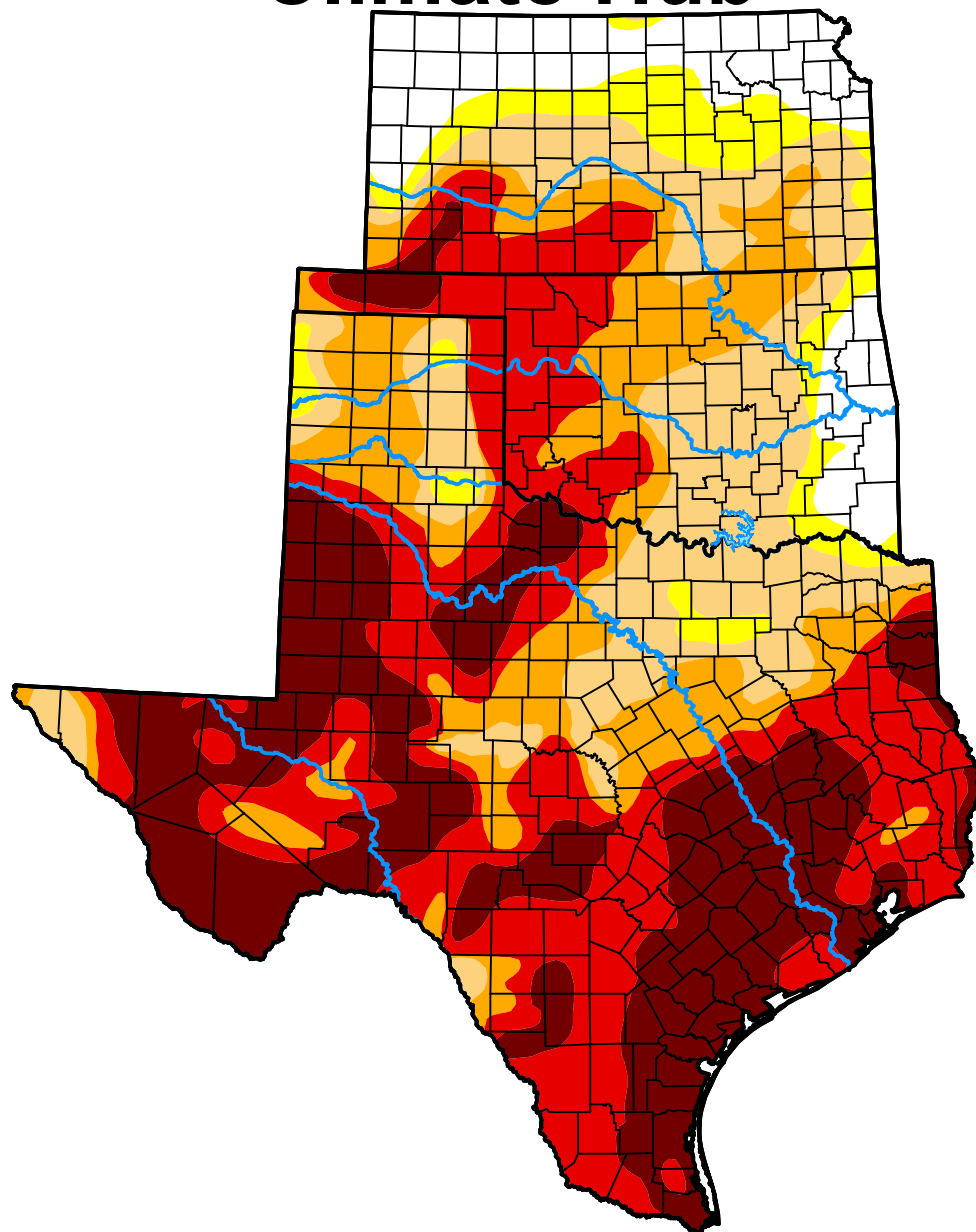


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.11	5.86	17.65	16.19	25.64	25.55
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	7.29	5.96	14.86	15.14	29.87	26.87
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	3.23	3.68	3.98	7.61	12.62	68.88
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	13.56	36.31	26.07	15.77	8.29	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	3.23	3.47	3.93	9.11	11.17	69.08
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	16.09	24.13	34.55	19.09	6.14	0.00

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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