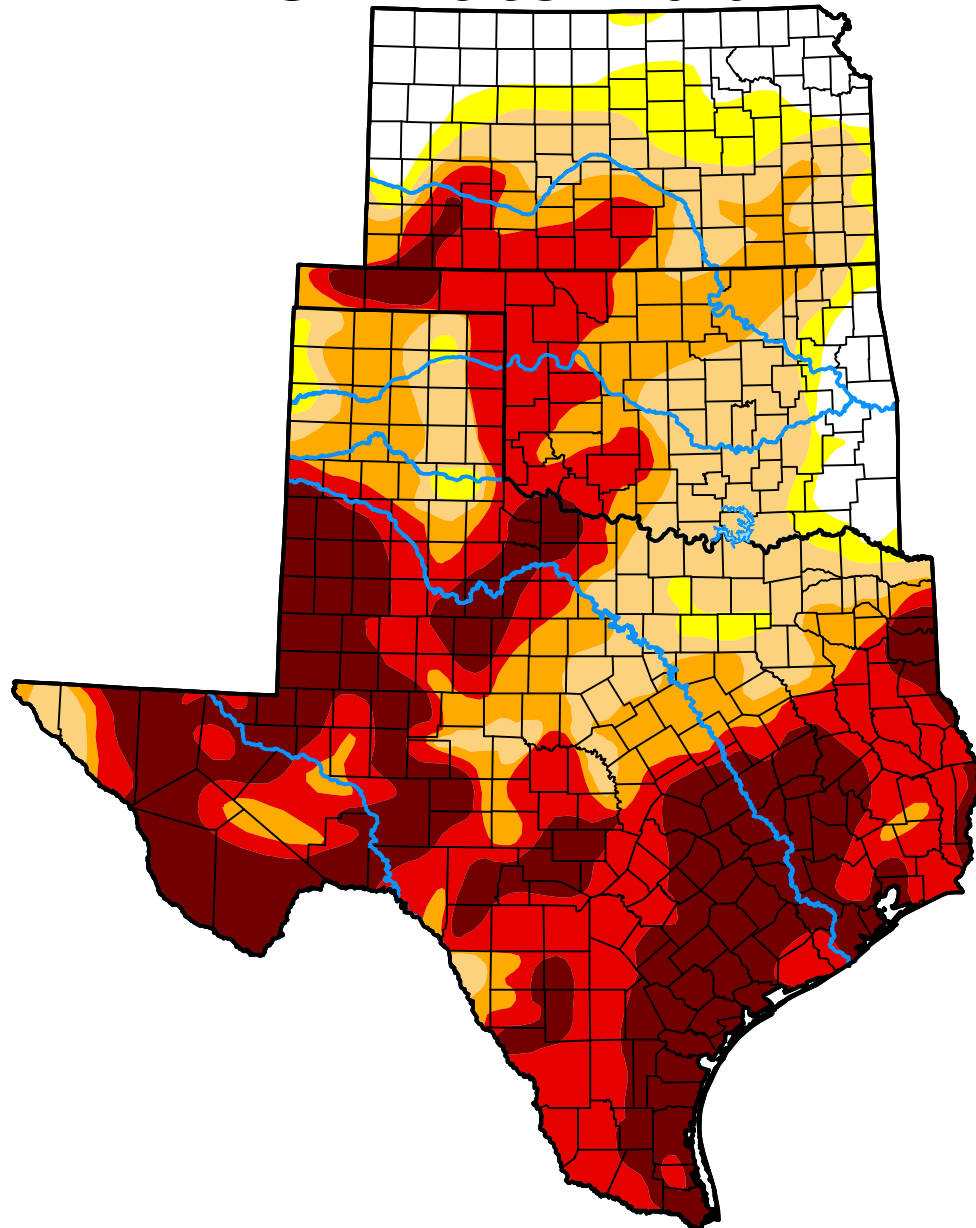


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.11	90.89	85.03	67.38	51.19	25.55
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	7.29	92.71	86.74	71.88	56.75	26.87
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	3.23	96.77	93.09	89.11	81.50	68.88
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	13.56	86.44	50.13	24.06	8.29	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	3.23	96.77	93.30	89.37	80.26	69.08
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	16.09	83.91	59.78	25.23	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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