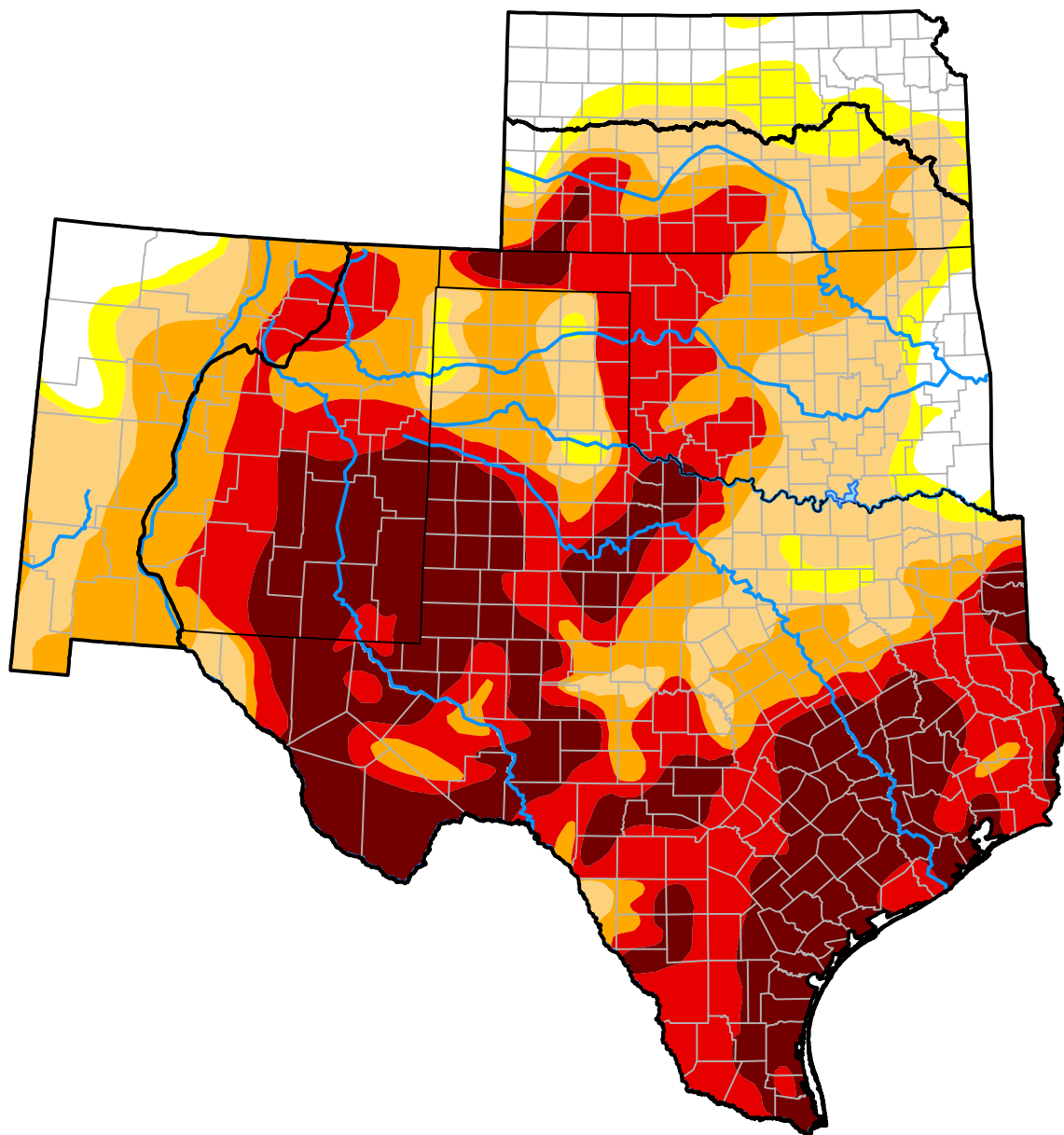


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.58	3.22	16.01	21.61	26.78	27.80
Last Week <i>12-15-2011</i>	4.22	2.14	11.75	22.10	30.72	29.07
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2011</i>	0.00	0.96	2.53	8.40	18.98	69.13
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	10.90	37.69	30.04	13.79	7.57	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	0.00	0.96	2.46	9.84	17.43	69.32
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2010</i>	11.54	29.10	36.93	16.82	5.61	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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