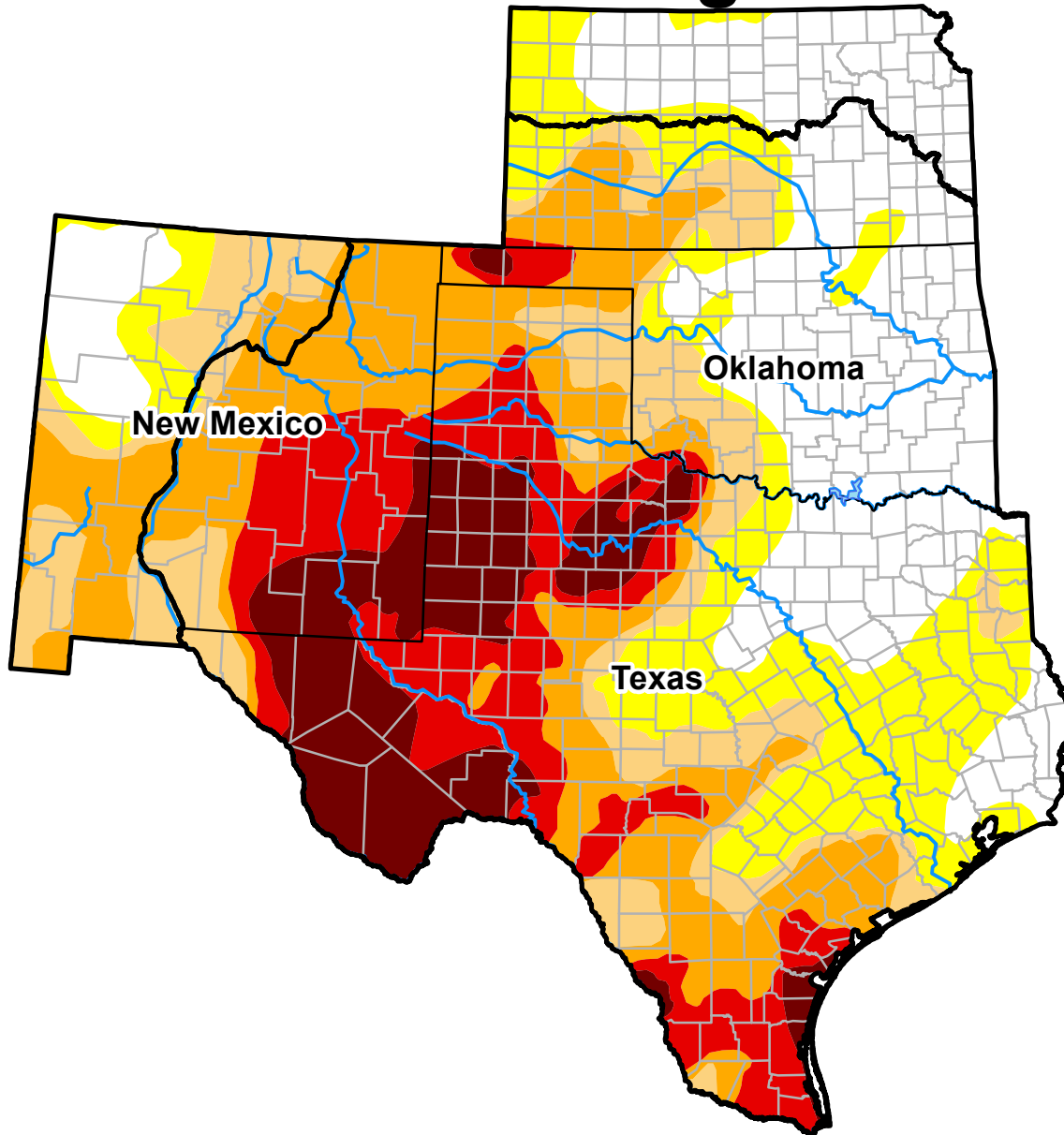


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.66	74.34	57.75	44.27	24.23	11.01
Last Week <i>03-20-2012</i>	19.90	80.10	67.45	45.39	25.87	11.32
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2011</i>	10.36	89.64	85.31	68.10	43.91	18.10
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.36	89.64	85.31	68.10	43.91	18.17
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	2.50	97.50	94.00	89.28	77.86	61.42
One Year Ago <i>03-29-2011</i>	3.81	96.19	86.86	66.97	25.59	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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