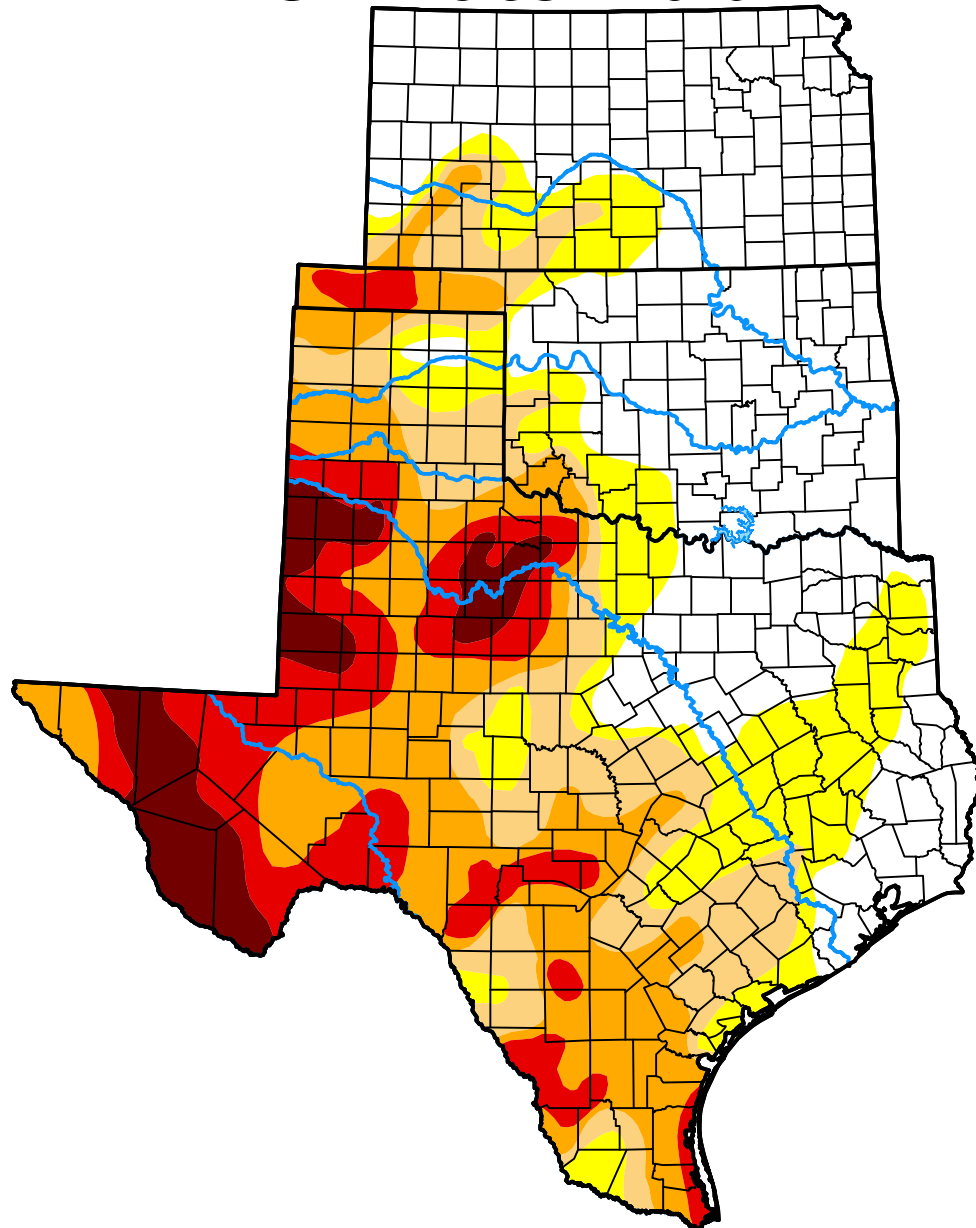


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	39.08	14.25	12.98	17.42	10.73	5.53
Last Week <i>04-24-2012</i>	39.81	15.79	12.66	15.03	10.79	5.92
3 Months Ago <i>01-31-2012</i>	14.85	7.11	13.80	19.13	27.05	18.06
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.87	4.49	17.72	17.02	28.63	21.26
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>05-03-2011</i>	6.14	7.31	13.96	19.18	35.98	17.43

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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