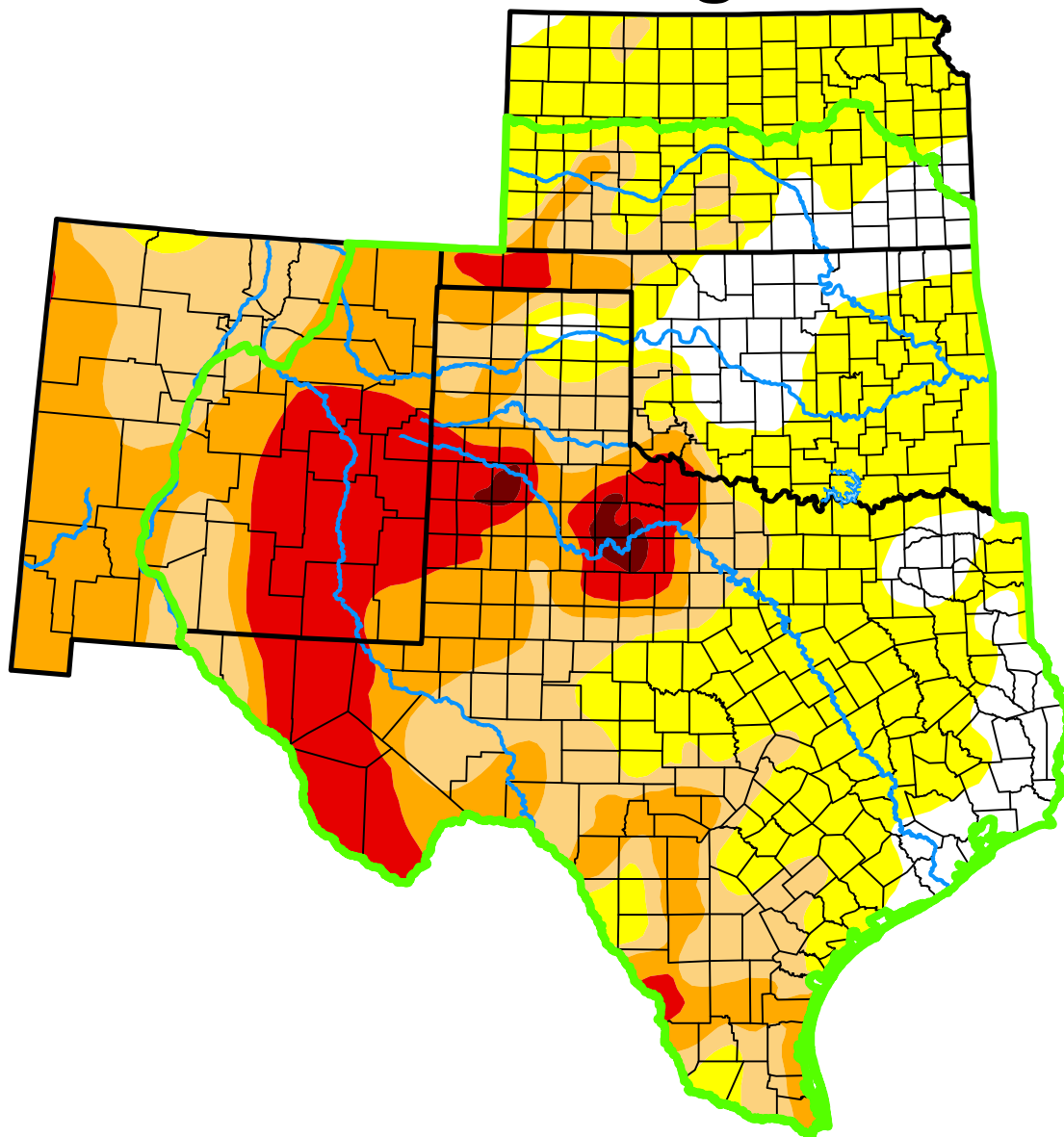


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	12.72	33.52	19.15	19.30	14.62	0.69
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-15-2012</i>	28.85	18.54	18.00	19.30	14.29	1.03
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-21-2012</i>	7.75	7.90	20.66	28.76	23.65	11.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	3.17	16.40	23.79	31.51	22.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	0.00	0.02	1.23	10.42	15.15	73.18
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-24-2011</i>	7.56	4.00	6.38	15.90	29.31	36.85

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

### 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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