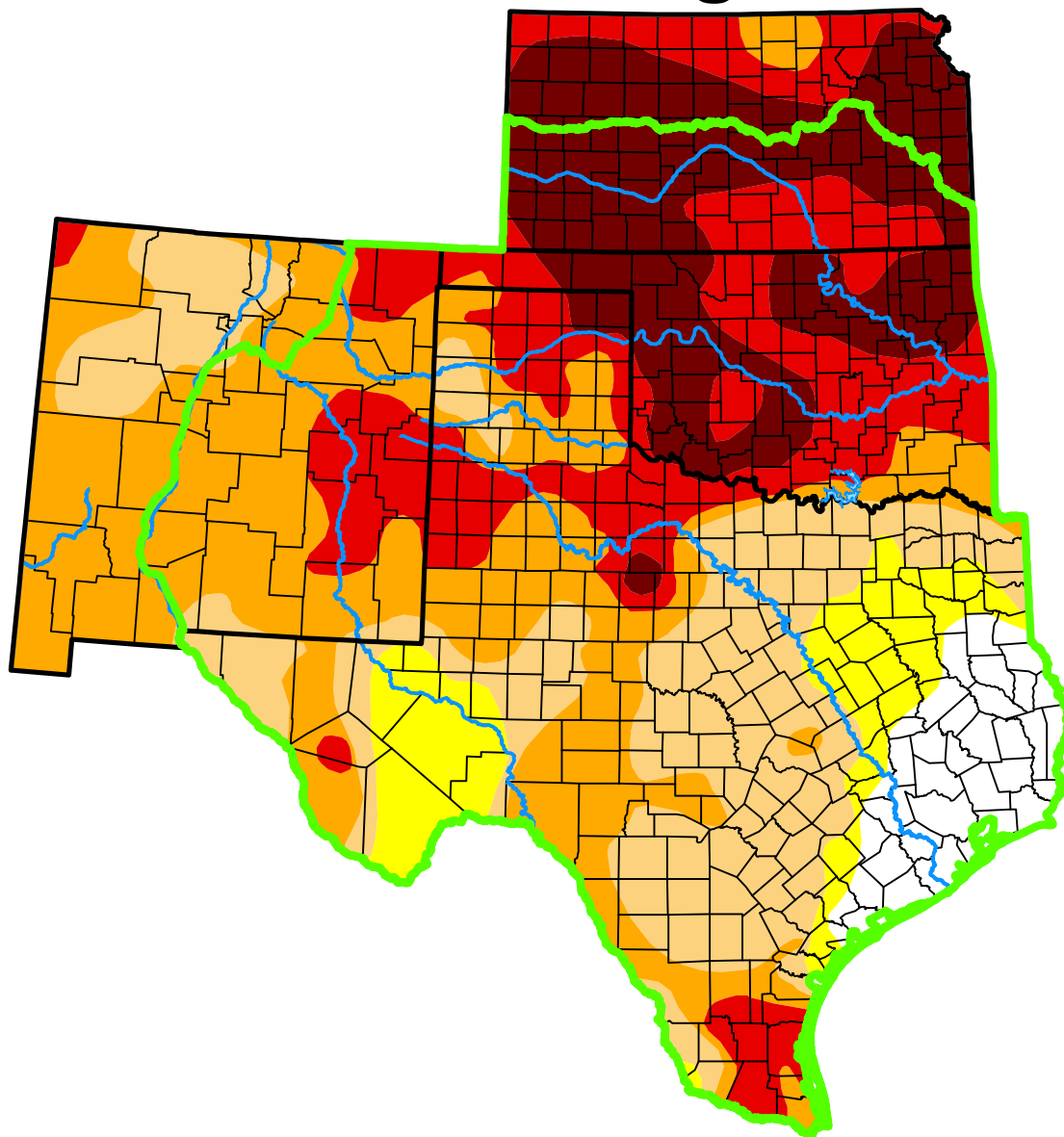


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



**August 21, 2012**

*(Released Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012)*

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 7.08  | 8.82  | 21.89 | 25.96 | 20.99 | 15.26 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-14-2012</i>                  | 6.68  | 6.14  | 21.51 | 26.76 | 25.36 | 13.55 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-22-2012</i>               | 12.72 | 33.52 | 19.15 | 19.30 | 14.62 | 0.69  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 2.88  | 3.17  | 16.40 | 23.79 | 31.51 | 22.25 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 0.00  | 0.02  | 1.23  | 10.42 | 15.15 | 73.18 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-23-2011</i>               | 0.00  | 0.16  | 1.81  | 10.23 | 18.59 | 69.21 |

(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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