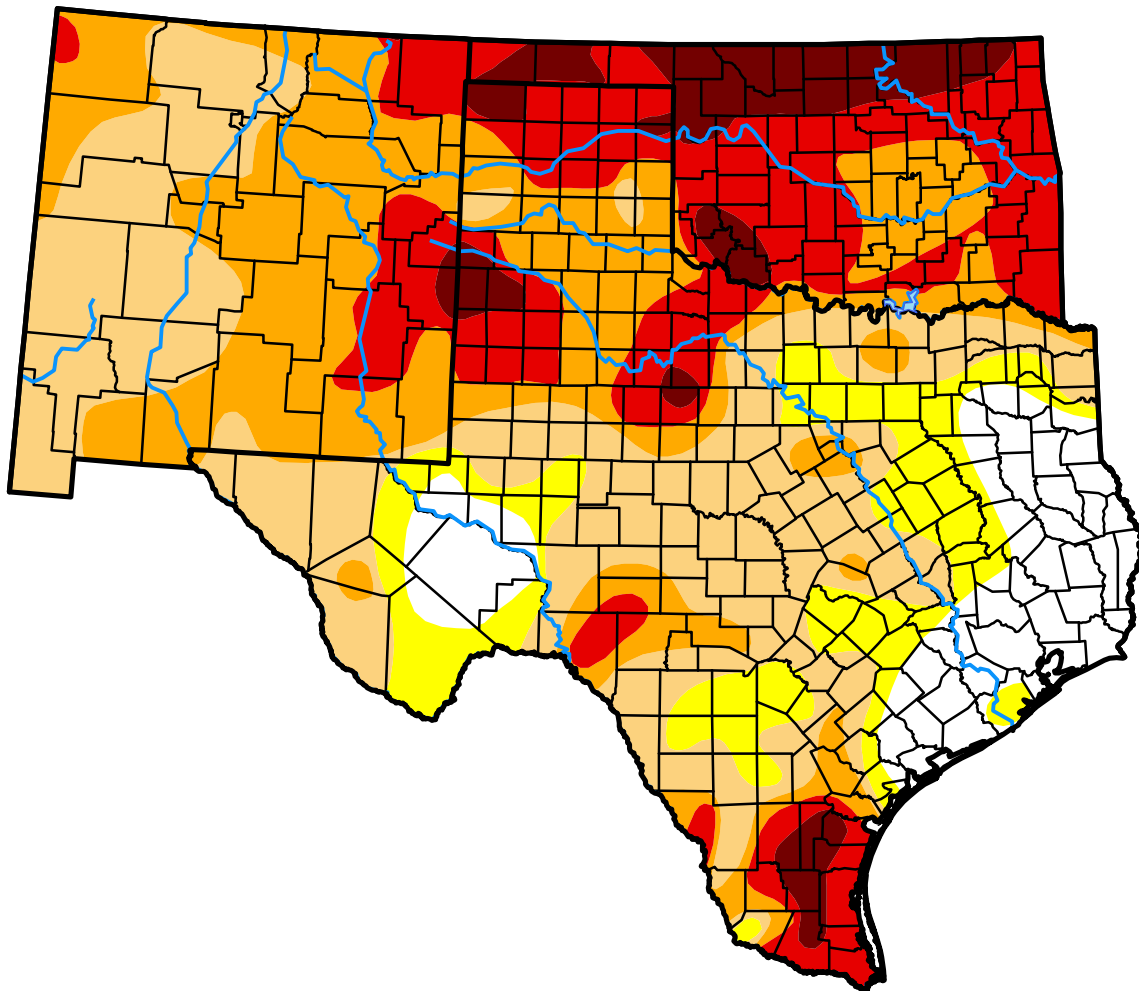


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains Area

**October 2, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012)  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	9.69	90.31	80.17	50.77	24.92	6.37
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.30	94.70	87.65	65.30	32.32	9.63
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-03-2012</i>	1.60	98.40	80.50	46.97	13.17	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	4.58	95.42	92.19	76.19	49.52	21.41
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.30	94.70	87.65	65.30	32.32	9.63
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-04-2011</i>	0.00	100.00	99.04	96.58	86.94	71.38

**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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