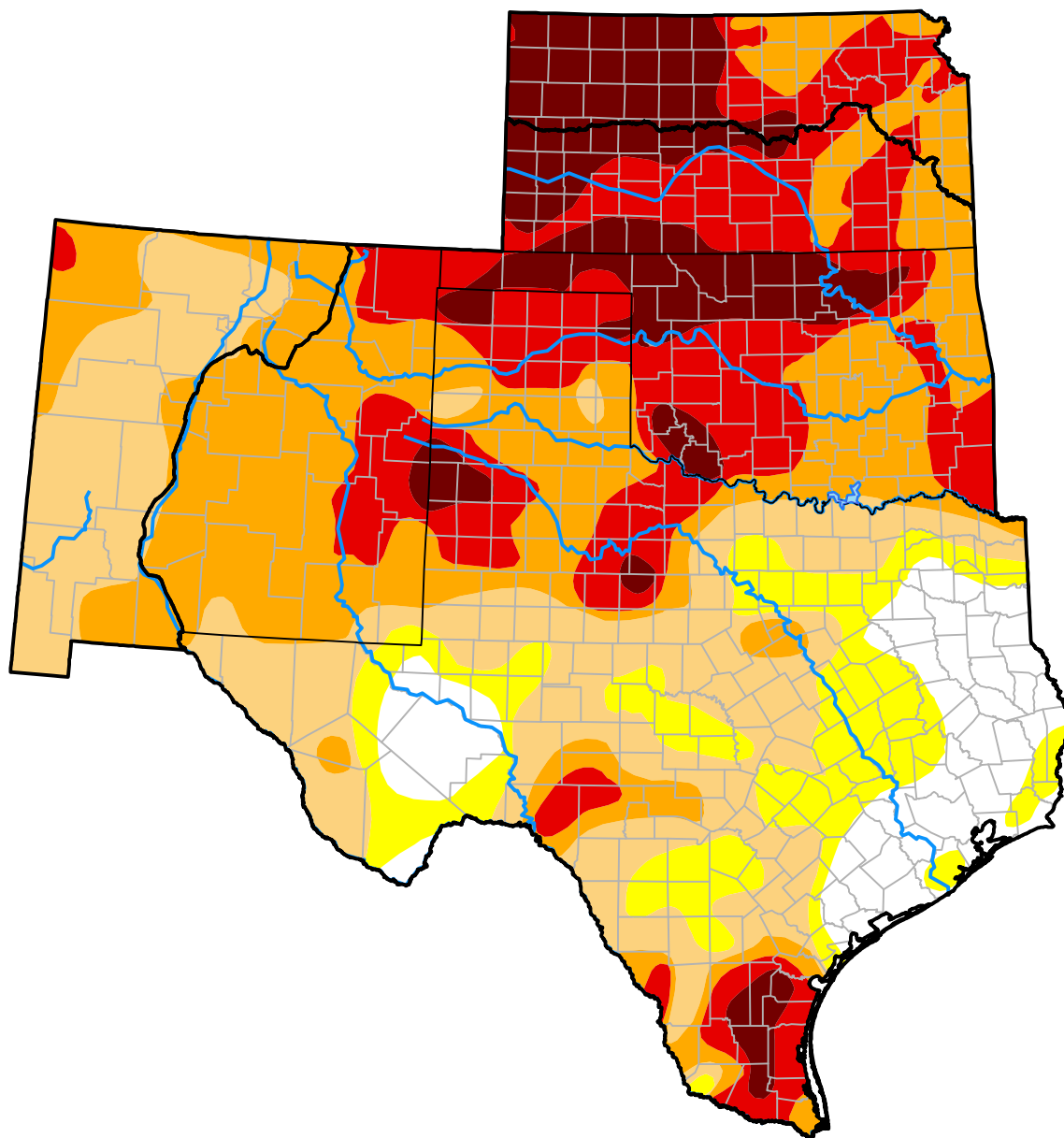


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**October 16, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 9.91 | 11.97 | 27.03 | 28.64 | 16.25 | 6.19  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-11-2012</i>              | 9.58 | 10.57 | 29.53 | 25.51 | 18.09 | 6.73  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-19-2012</i>           | 7.20 | 9.79  | 32.69 | 36.30 | 14.03 | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 4.58 | 3.24  | 16.00 | 26.67 | 28.11 | 21.41 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 5.30 | 7.05  | 22.35 | 32.98 | 22.69 | 9.63  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-20-2011</i>           | 1.66 | 0.81  | 2.10  | 11.86 | 25.35 | 58.22 |

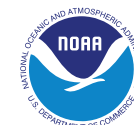
### Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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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