

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

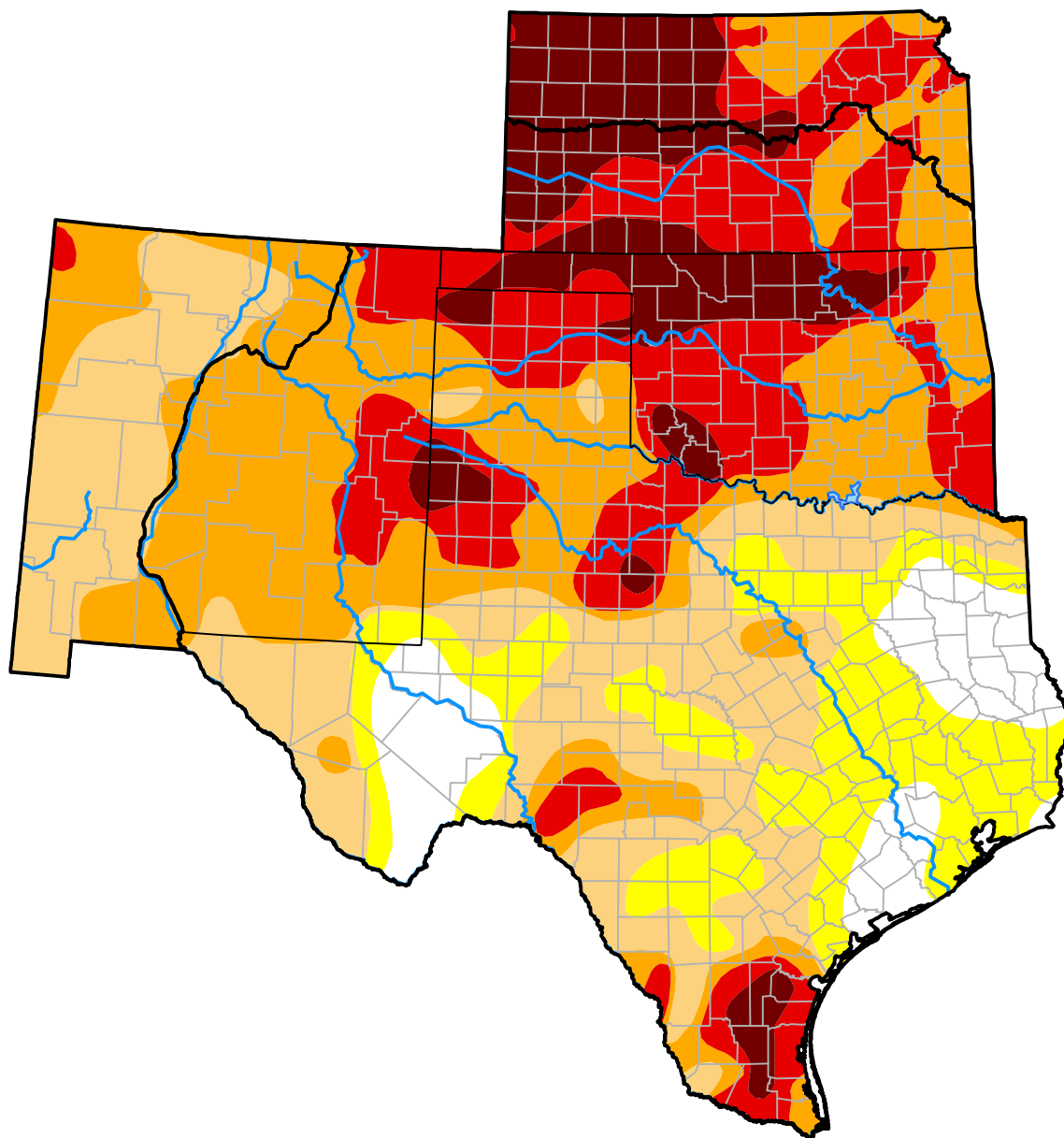
**October 23, 2012**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|--|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 8.20 | 91.80 | 77.37 | 51.09 | 22.39 | 6.19  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-18-2012</i>              | 9.91 | 90.09 | 78.11 | 51.08 | 22.45 | 6.19  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-26-2012</i>           | 7.17 | 92.83 | 82.76 | 54.58 | 20.04 | 0.87  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 4.58 | 95.42 | 92.19 | 76.19 | 49.52 | 21.41 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 5.30 | 94.70 | 87.65 | 65.30 | 32.32 | 9.63  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-27-2011</i>           | 1.66 | 98.34 | 97.53 | 95.27 | 82.75 | 55.83 |



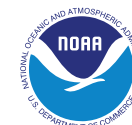
### Intensity:

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