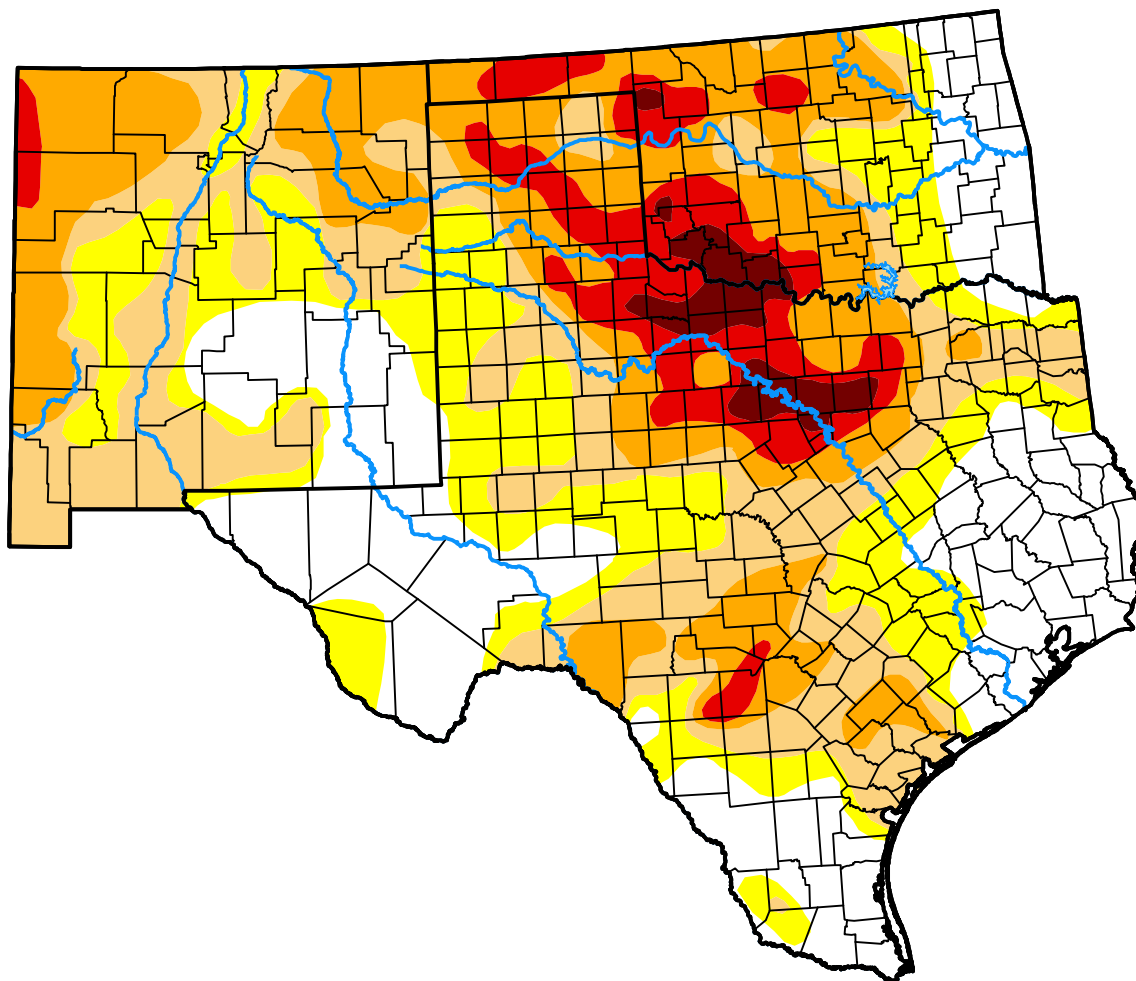


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**October 21, 2014**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 25.24 | 20.01 | 22.89 | 21.56 | 7.89  | 2.41 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-14-2014</i>              | 25.81 | 19.53 | 22.21 | 20.74 | 9.31  | 2.41 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-22-2014</i>           | 11.24 | 17.89 | 21.64 | 27.86 | 18.52 | 2.86 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2013</i> | 24.42 | 24.25 | 27.44 | 18.72 | 4.35  | 0.82 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 22.55 | 21.15 | 22.26 | 22.16 | 9.62  | 2.28 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-22-2013</i>           | 14.70 | 24.30 | 35.38 | 21.62 | 3.65  | 0.36 |

### 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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