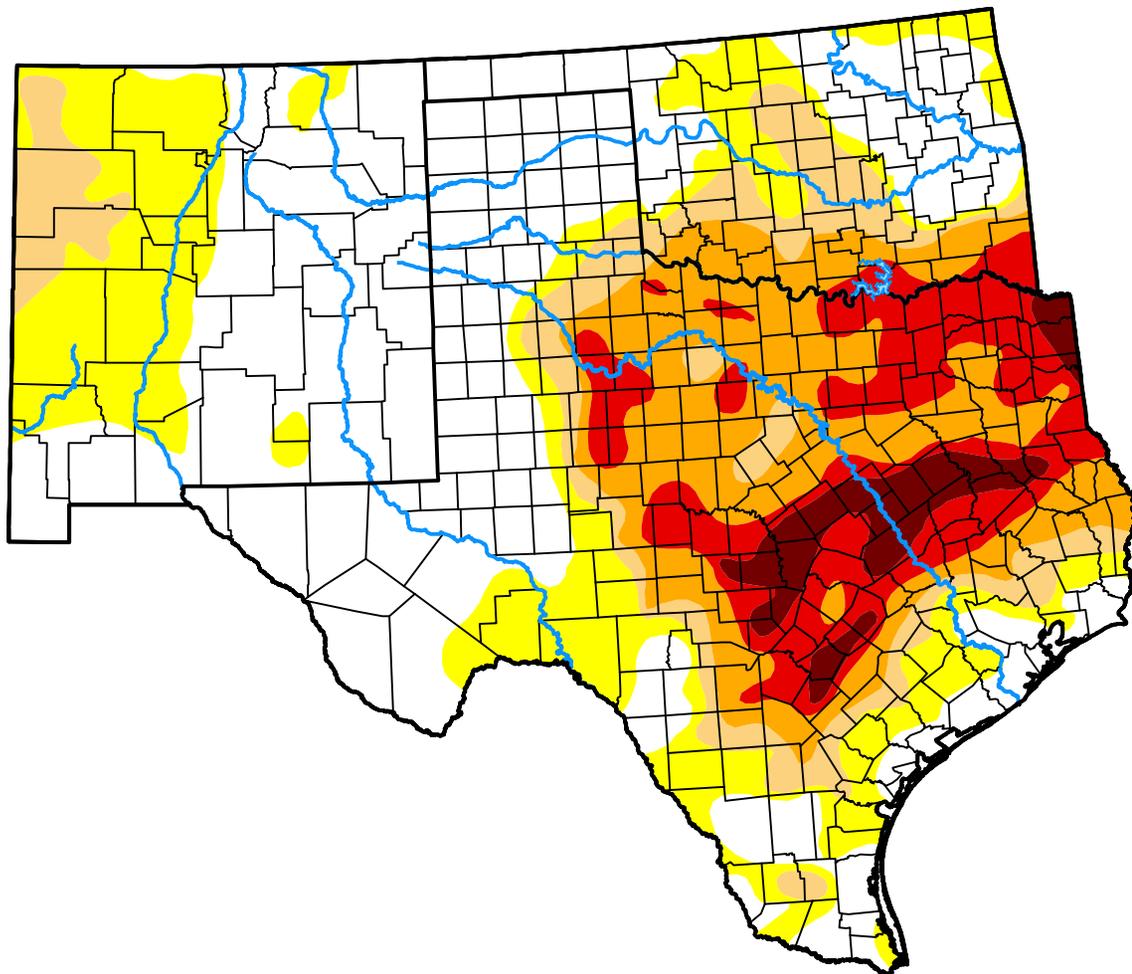


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**October 20, 2015**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	42.49	20.66	9.71	14.02	9.92	3.21
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-13-2015</i>	43.51	22.73	12.46	12.71	7.77	0.82
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-21-2015</i>	84.11	10.27	5.54	0.07	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	27.08	20.07	23.91	17.83	8.39	2.72
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	43.19	29.88	15.77	7.38	3.79	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-21-2014</i>	25.24	20.01	22.89	21.56	7.89	2.41

***Intensity:***

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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