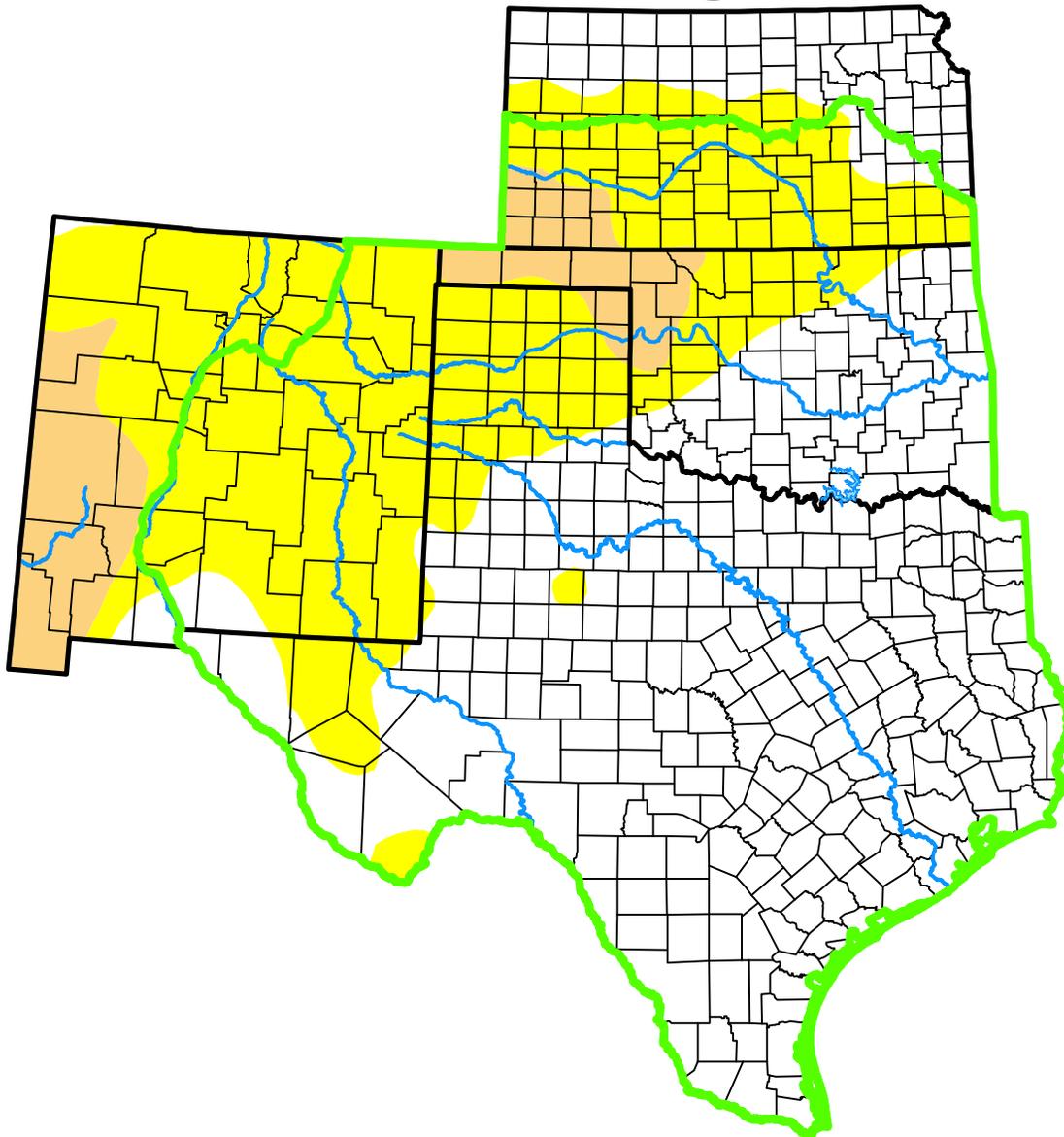


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**March 22, 2016**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	63.50	36.50	4.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-15-2016</i>	78.48	21.52	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-22-2015</i>	96.46	3.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	96.54	3.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	50.14	49.86	25.82	11.59	3.93	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-24-2015</i>	37.47	62.53	47.66	27.36	14.26	3.33

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

**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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