

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 49.31 | 27.63 | 13.80 | 8.62  | 0.64 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>03-07-2017              | 52.99 | 23.85 | 13.67 | 8.85  | 0.64 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-13-2016           | 62.84 | 14.32 | 12.83 | 9.46  | 0.55 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2017 | 56.13 | 19.88 | 10.73 | 12.31 | 0.95 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2016    | 89.65 | 6.77  | 3.07  | 0.51  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-15-2016           | 81.46 | 16.95 | 1.58  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

#### 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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