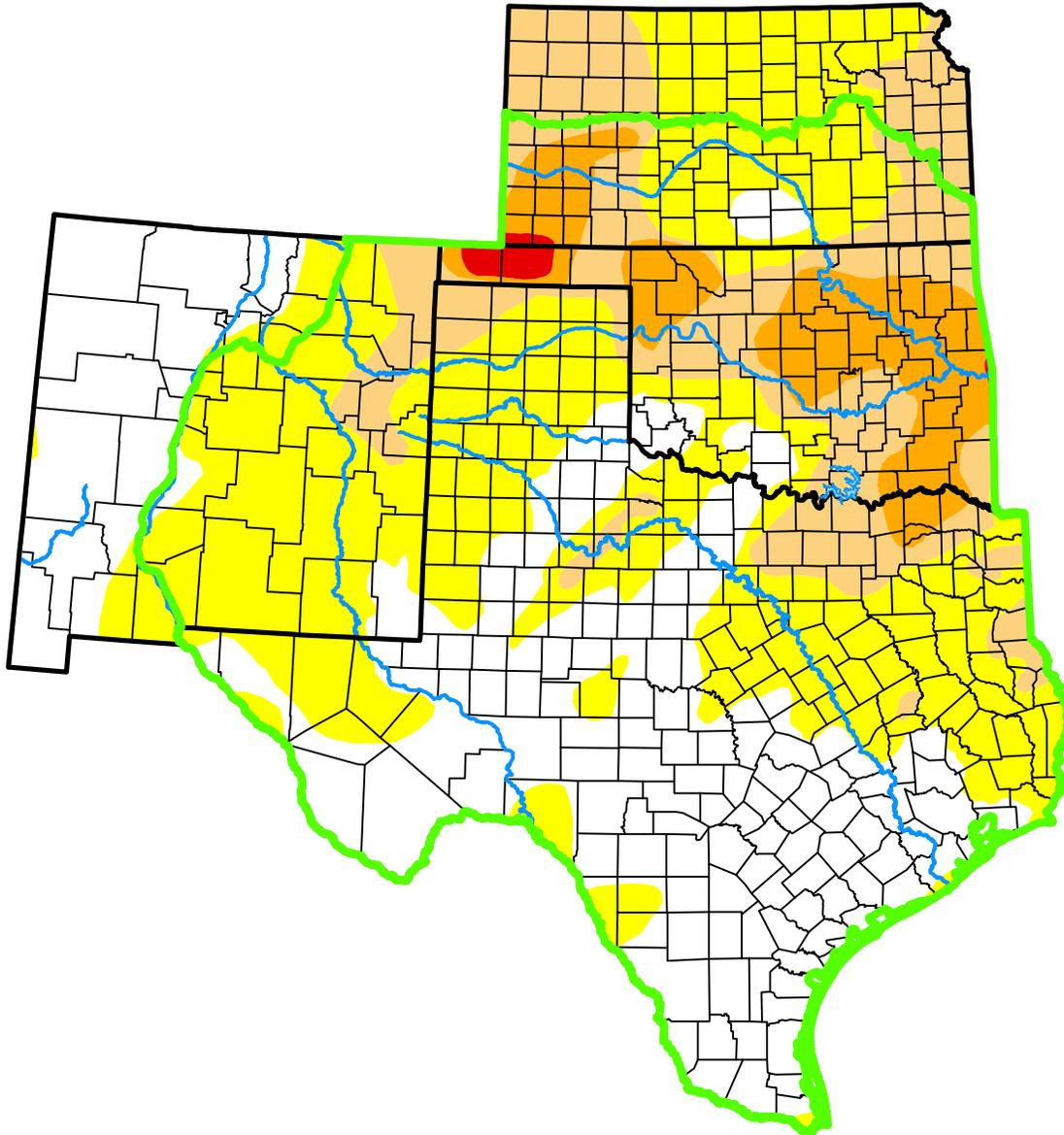


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**March 21, 2017**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 23, 2017)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 34.87 | 40.75 | 14.83 | 8.95  | 0.61 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-14-2017</i>              | 52.26 | 28.08 | 10.87 | 8.17  | 0.61 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2016</i>           | 61.00 | 18.15 | 10.39 | 9.93  | 0.52 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 58.87 | 19.45 | 9.10  | 11.67 | 0.91 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 85.87 | 10.28 | 3.37  | 0.48  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-22-2016</i>           | 63.50 | 32.45 | 4.05  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

(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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