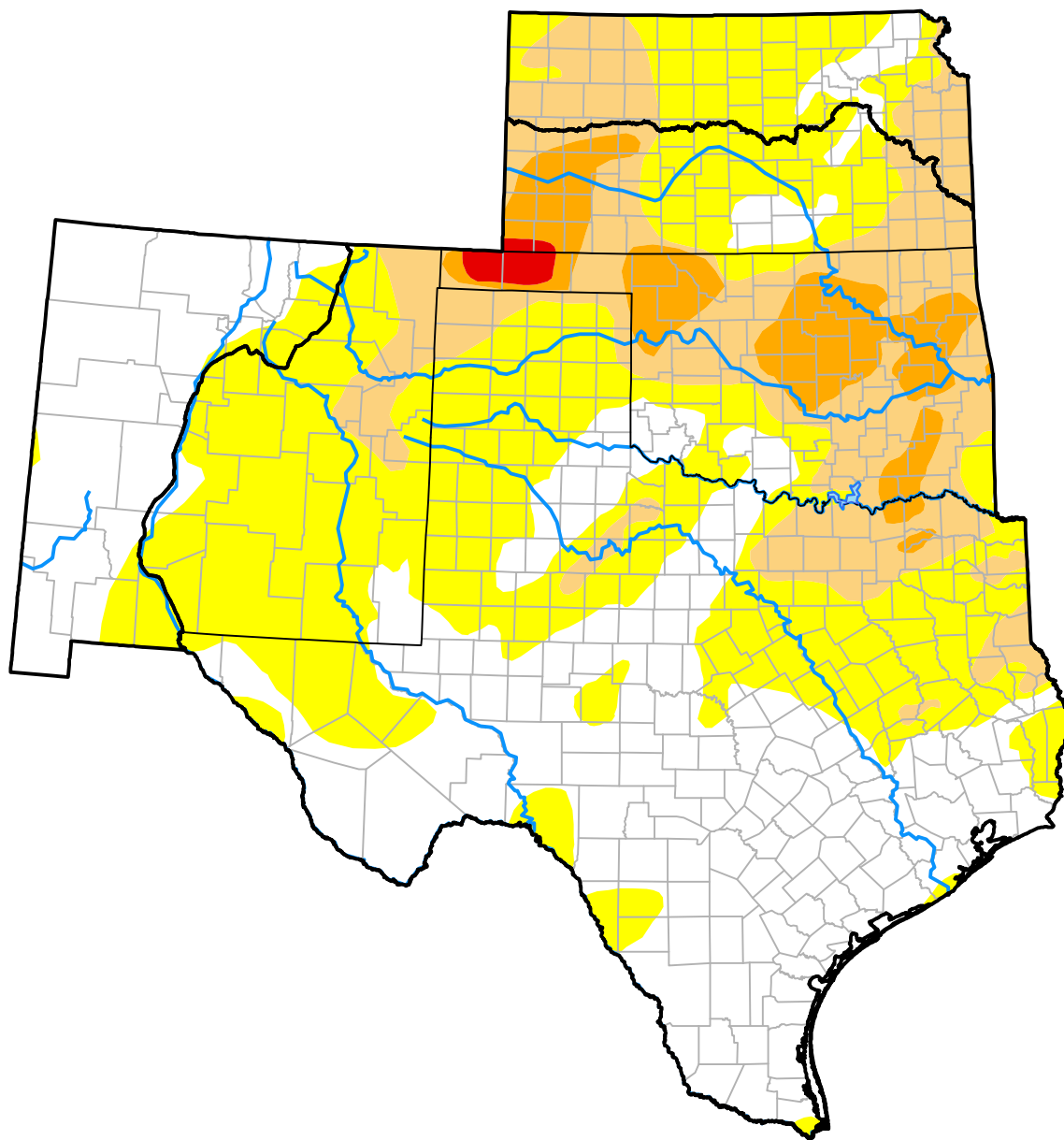


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**March 28, 2017**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 30, 2017)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.07 | 54.93 | 18.73 | 5.76  | 0.46  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-23-2017</i>              | 43.97 | 56.03 | 19.13 | 7.59  | 0.49  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-29-2016</i>           | 62.36 | 37.64 | 16.25 | 8.03  | 0.50  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2017</i> | 65.81 | 34.19 | 17.53 | 9.68  | 0.87  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2016</i>    | 78.11 | 21.89 | 4.30  | 0.47  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-31-2016</i>           | 50.02 | 49.98 | 10.71 | 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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