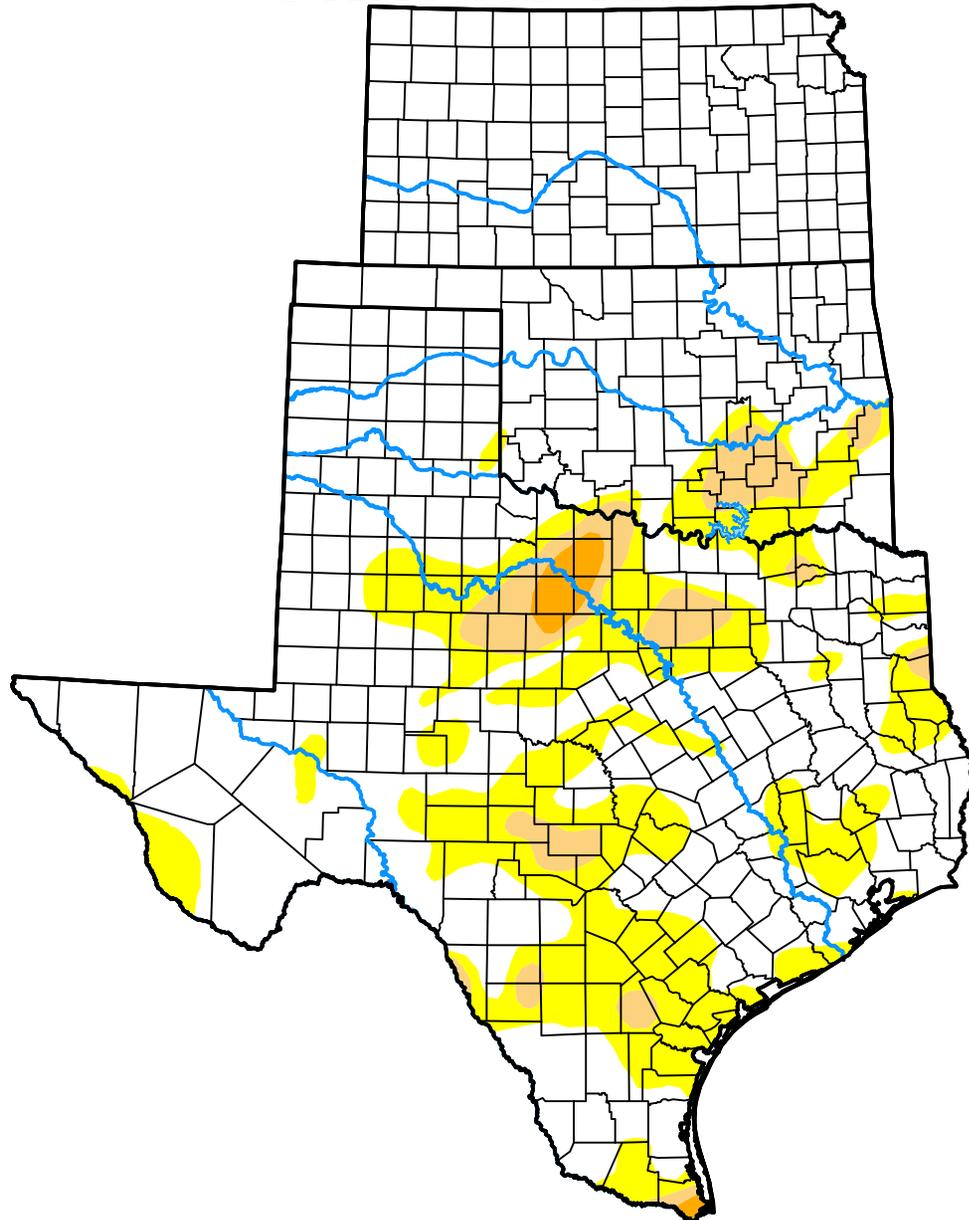


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	75.09	24.91	5.11	0.76	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-09-2017</i>	83.68	16.32	2.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-14-2017</i>	63.78	36.22	19.88	7.17	0.90	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	56.13	43.87	23.99	13.27	0.95	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	89.65	10.35	3.58	0.51	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-17-2016</i>	97.87	2.13	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00

***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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