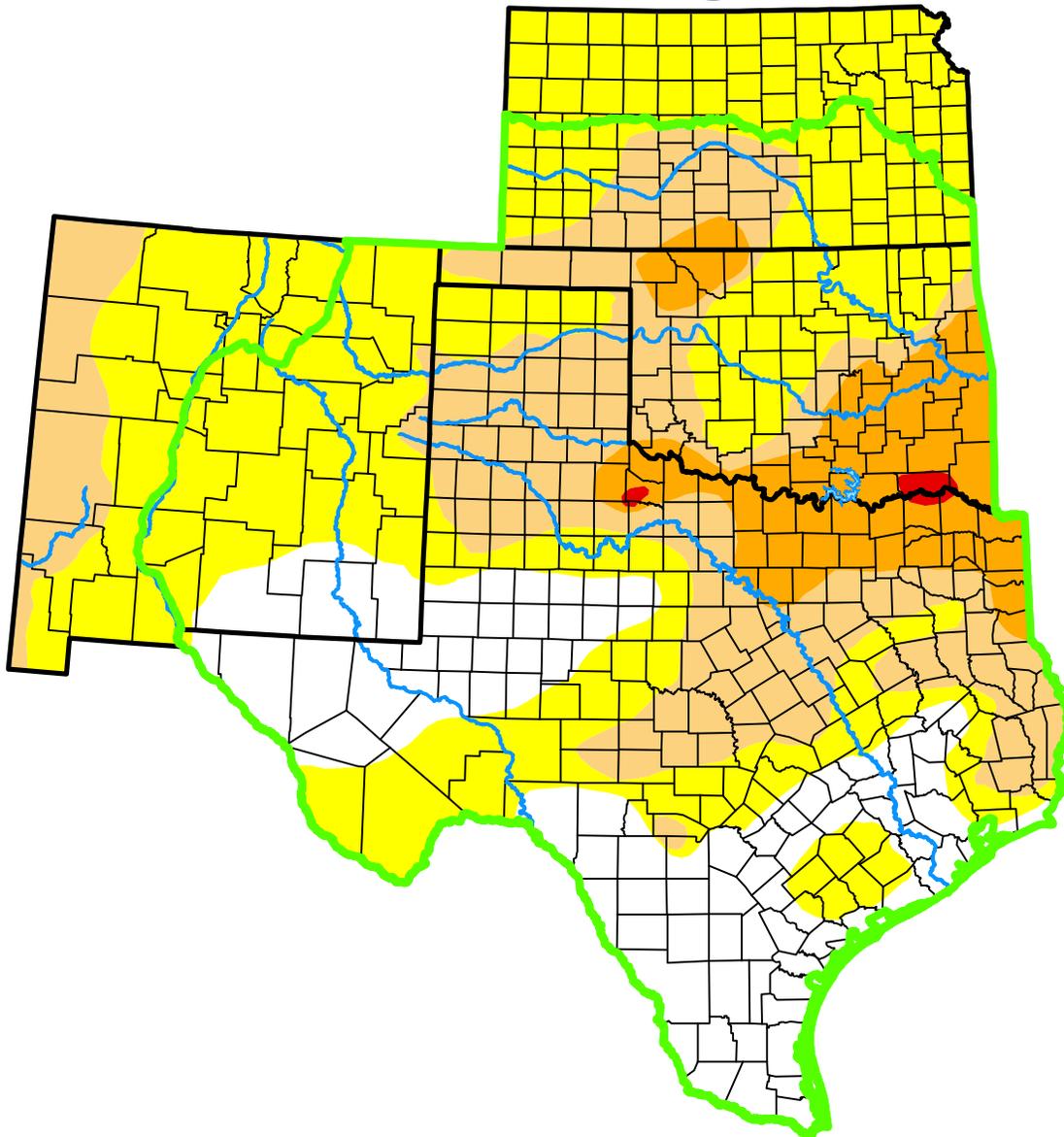


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

December 19, 2017
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.65	75.35	36.82	11.59	0.34	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2017</i>	20.09	79.91	28.35	11.92	0.95	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2017</i>	77.49	22.51	4.12	0.39	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2017</i>	58.87	41.13	21.68	12.58	0.91	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	72.38	27.62	3.52	0.15	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2016</i>	61.00	39.00	20.85	10.45	0.52	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

Intensity:



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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