

U.S. Drought Monitor

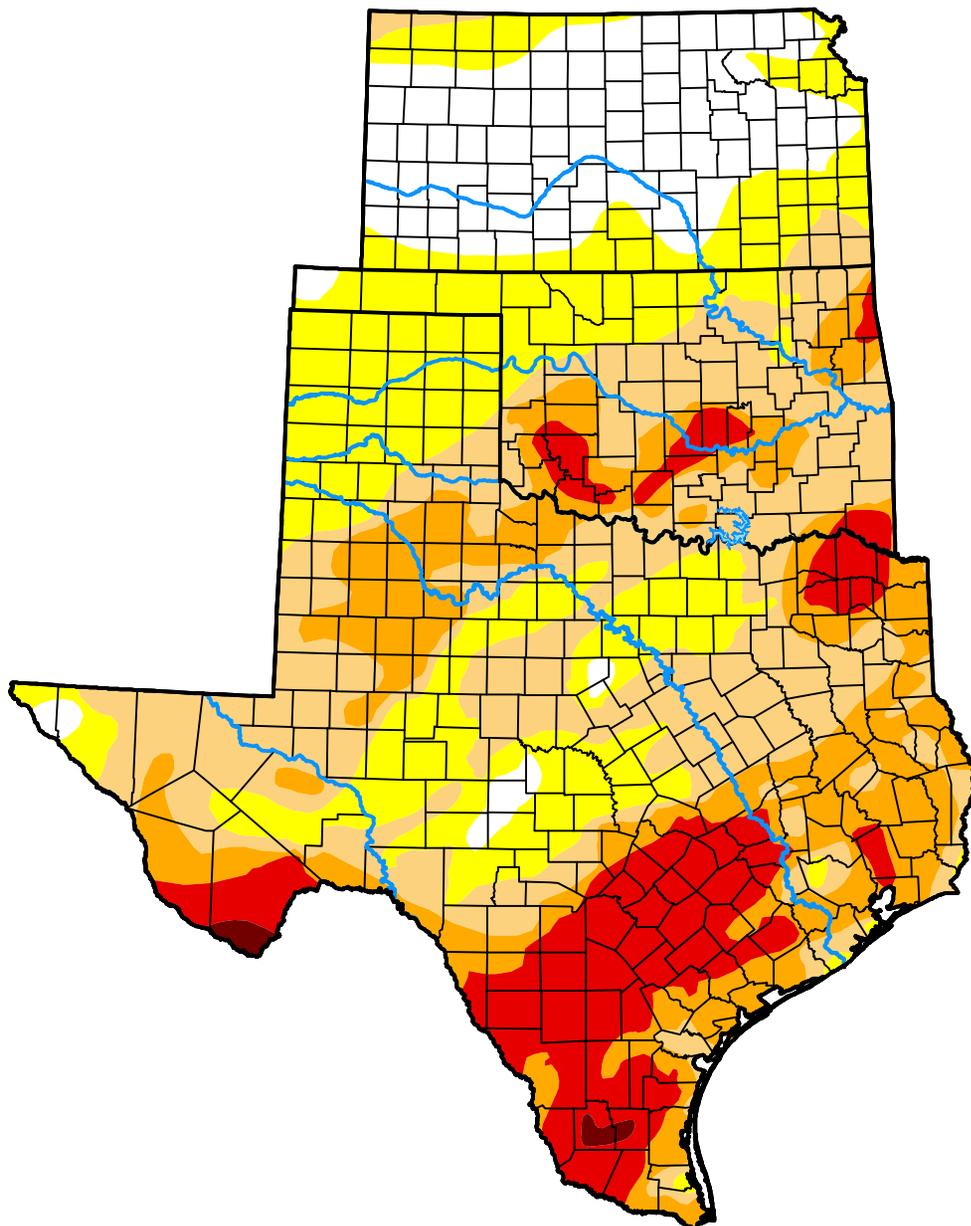
Southern Plains DEWS

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.48	25.45	28.82	18.65	12.20	0.40
Last Week <i>02-10-2026</i>	15.08	24.39	29.88	18.10	12.33	0.23
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2025</i>	28.63	21.71	30.93	14.24	4.39	0.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	24.07	24.64	30.40	13.81	6.86	0.23
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	50.45	32.69	8.59	6.15	1.93	0.18
One Year Ago <i>02-18-2025</i>	27.06	40.38	16.97	4.89	6.70	4.00



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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