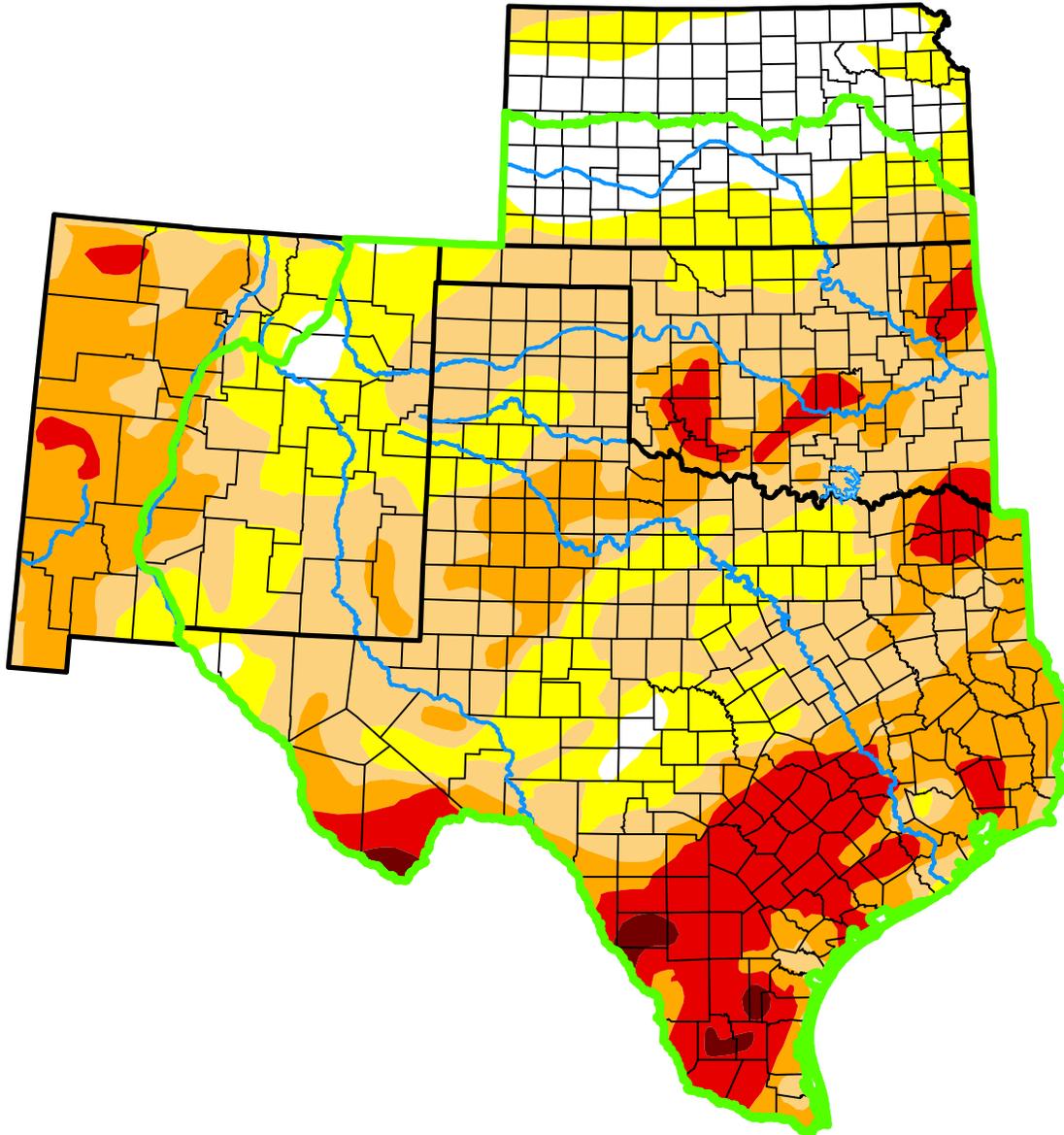


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.28	18.84	34.83	19.05	13.09	0.92
Last Week <i>02-17-2026</i>	14.48	25.45	28.82	18.65	12.20	0.40
3 Months Ago <i>11-25-2025</i>	30.39	28.67	24.00	12.58	4.27	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>02-25-2025</i>	21.48	39.40	21.42	6.68	7.02	4.00

(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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