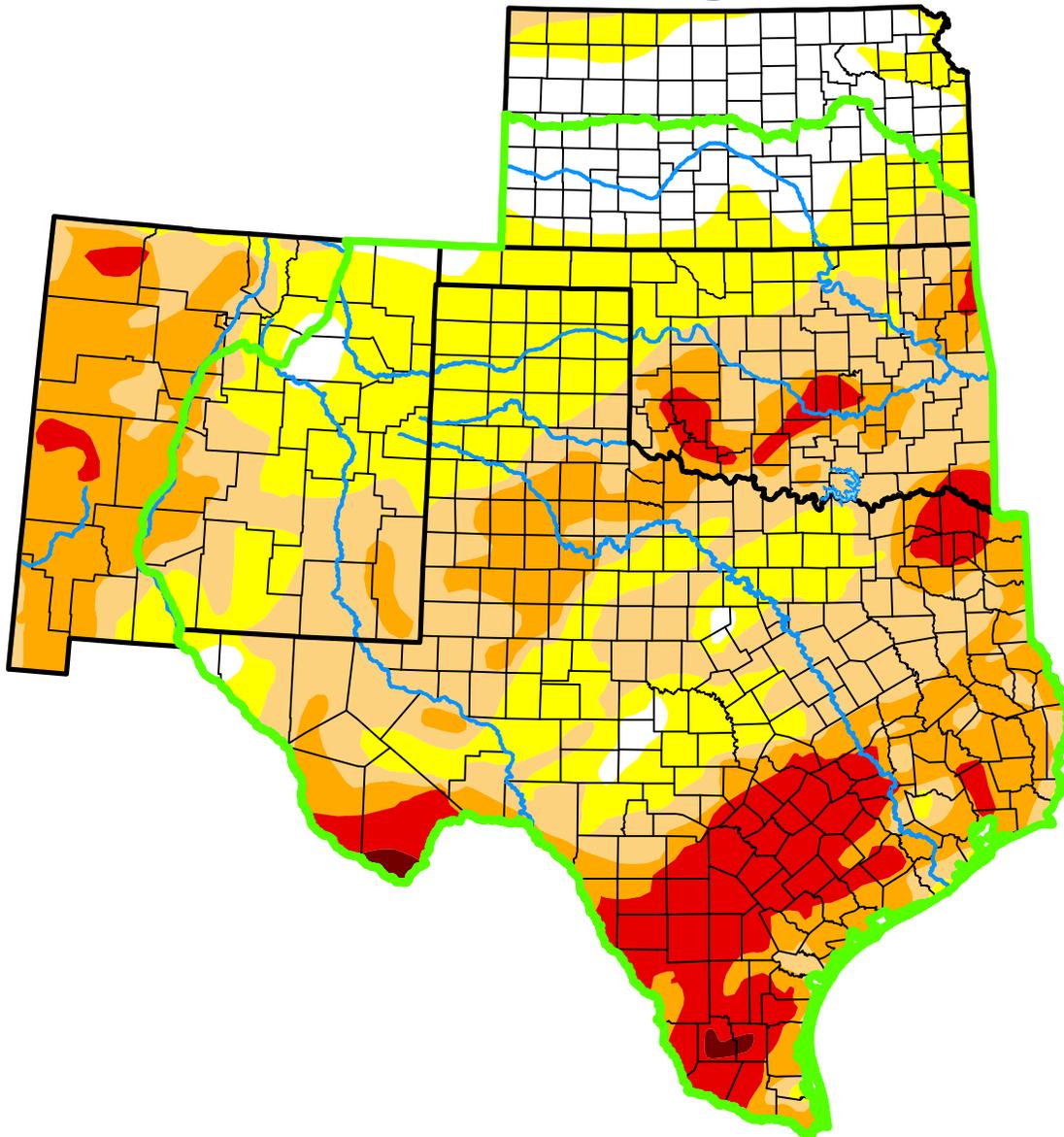


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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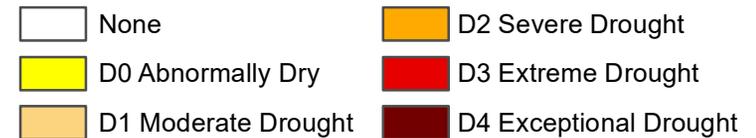


*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	14.48	85.52	60.07	31.25	12.60	0.40
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-10-2026</i>	15.08	84.92	60.53	30.66	12.56	0.23
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-18-2025</i>	28.63	71.37	49.66	18.73	4.48	0.09
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2026</i>	24.07	75.93	51.29	20.89	7.08	0.23
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2025</i>	50.45	49.55	16.86	8.26	2.12	0.18
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-18-2025</i>	27.06	72.94	32.56	15.59	10.70	4.00

(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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