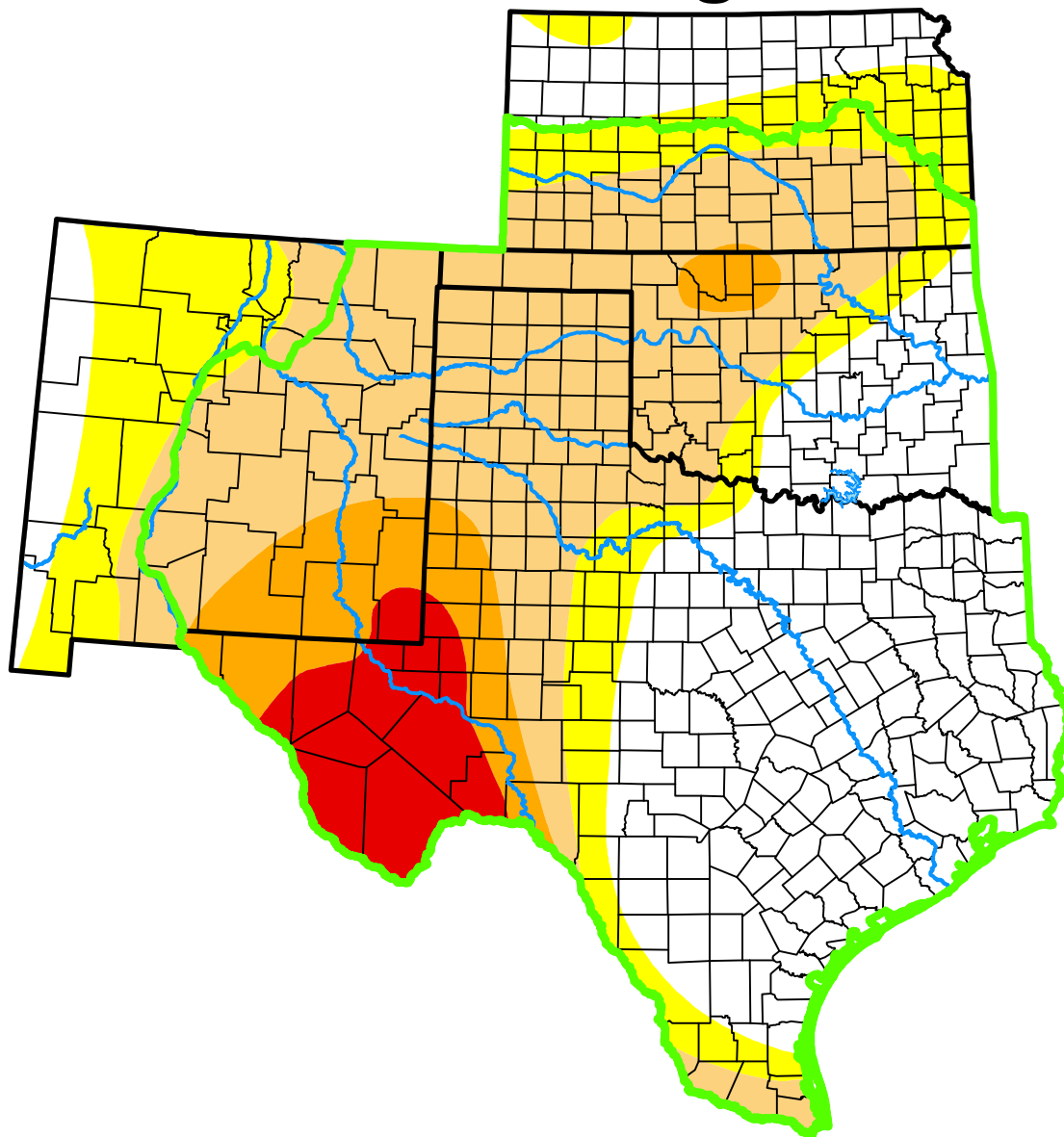


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



**December 18, 2001**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 38.74 | 61.26 | 50.80 | 15.76 | 7.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-11-2001</i>              | 37.74 | 62.26 | 52.01 | 14.78 | 7.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-18-2001</i>           | 40.00 | 60.00 | 31.18 | 11.07 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2001</i> | 67.11 | 32.89 | 10.74 | 1.01  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2001</i>    | 46.36 | 53.64 | 29.27 | 11.07 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-19-2000</i>           | 65.85 | 34.15 | 12.60 | 1.01  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

### Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate 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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