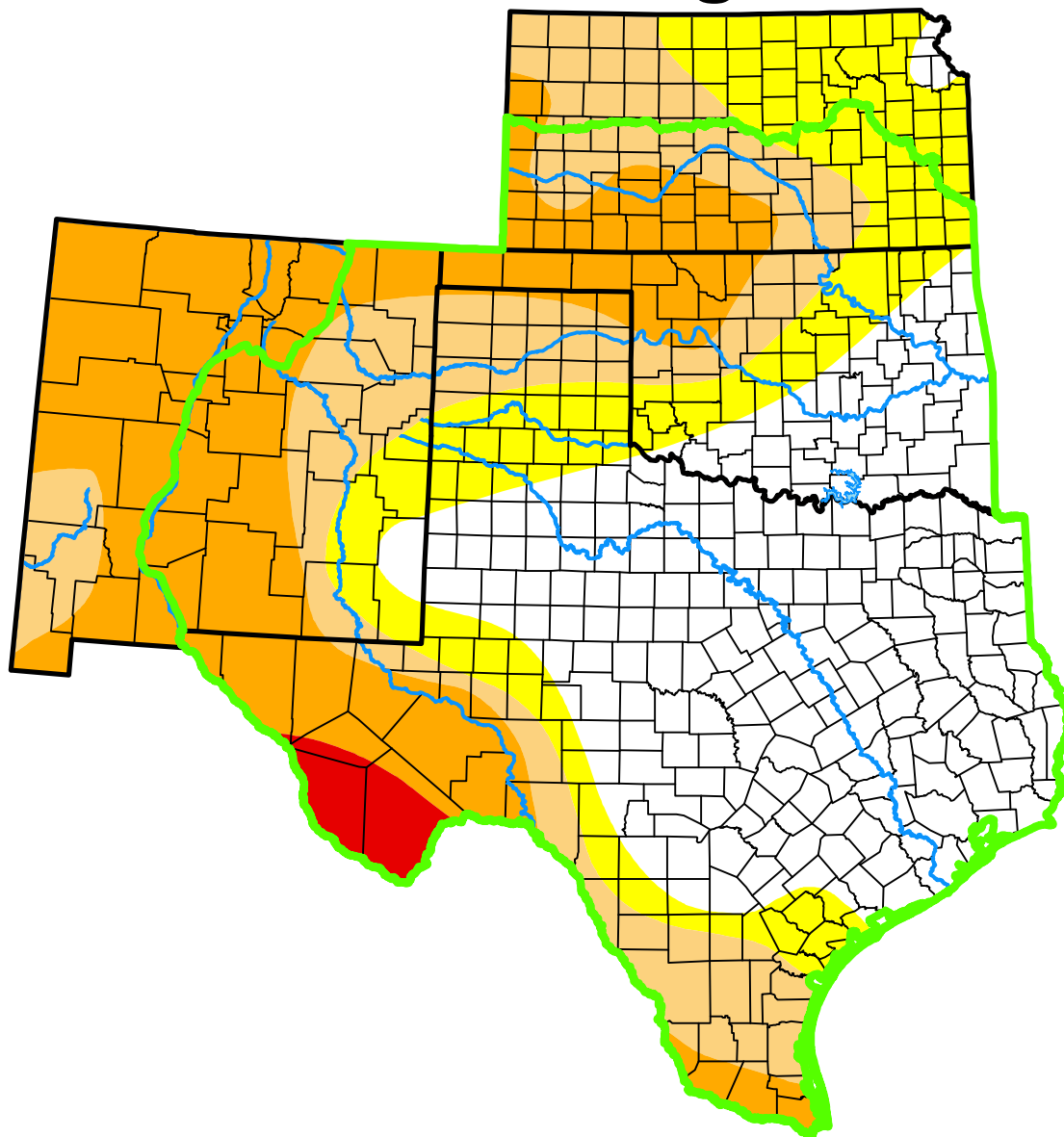


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>                                     | 43.19 | 56.81 | 41.31 | 22.54 | 2.19  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-09-2002</i>              | 38.76 | 61.24 | 43.96 | 24.44 | 2.23  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-15-2002</i>           | 37.73 | 62.27 | 52.12 | 18.31 | 7.14  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 37.24 | 62.76 | 52.05 | 18.23 | 7.19  | 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>04-17-2001</i>           | 75.65 | 24.35 | 8.09  | 1.20  | 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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