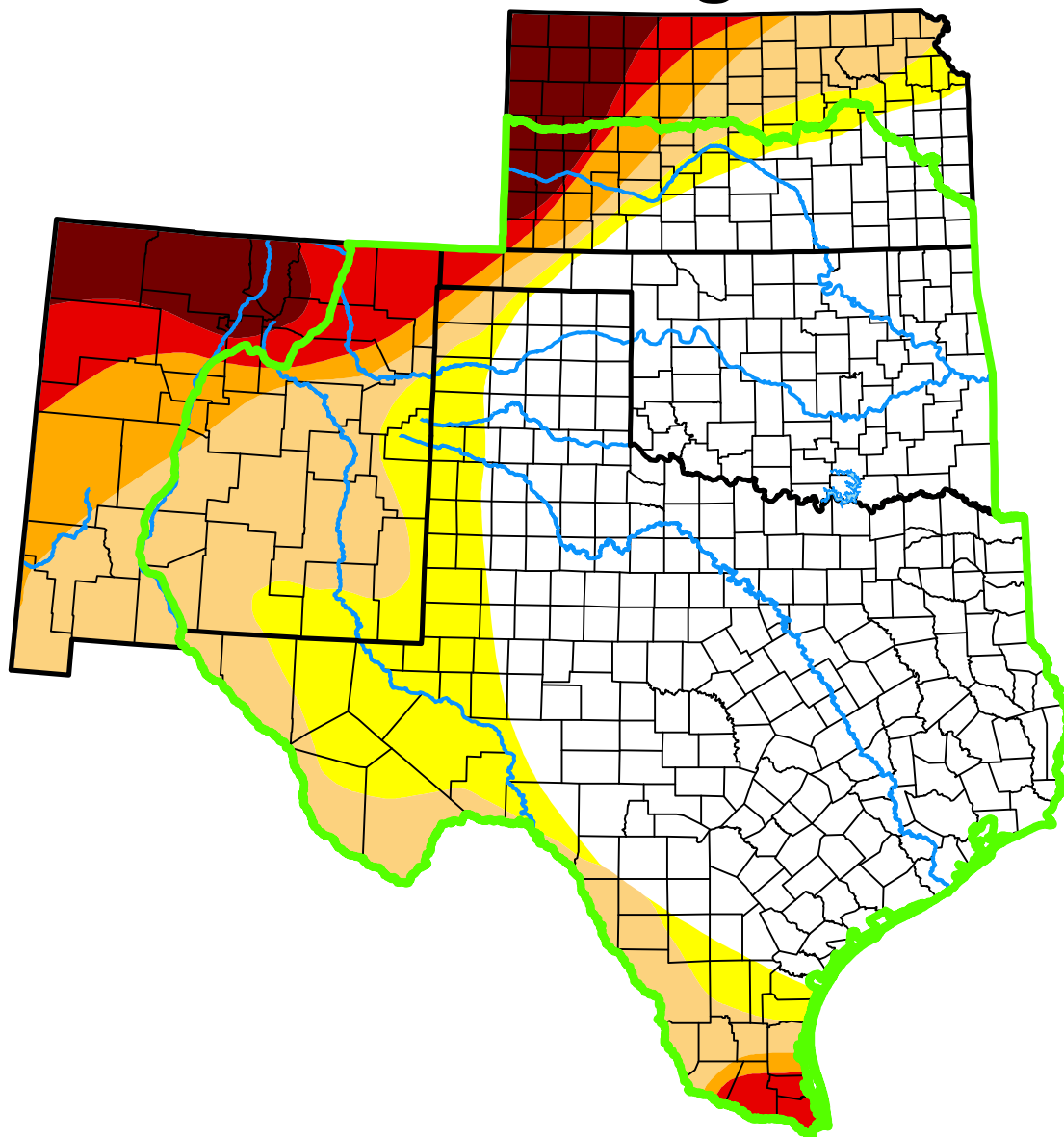


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



August 20, 2002

(Released Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.60	37.40	23.20	7.32	4.24	1.00
Last Week 08-13-2002	59.32	40.68	26.26	7.59	4.99	1.08
3 Months Ago 05-21-2002	29.82	70.18	55.36	31.25	14.68	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	37.24	62.76	52.05	18.23	7.19	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2001	46.36	53.64	29.27	11.07	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-21-2001	25.24	74.76	51.96	18.26	0.67	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>

Author:

Scott Stephens
NOAA/NESDIS/NCEI



droughtmonitor.unl.edu