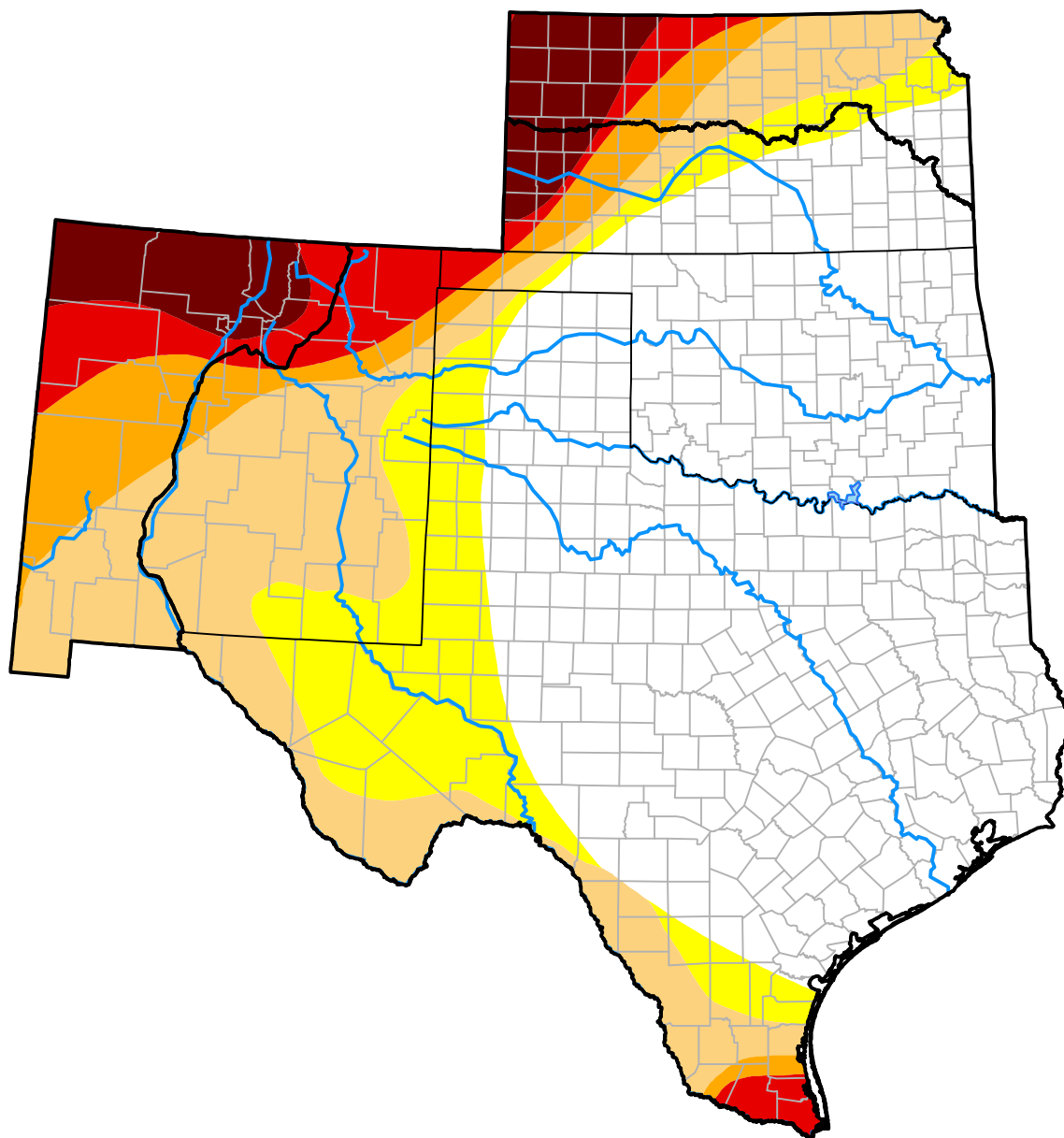


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.33	44.67	32.12	14.30	8.95	3.58
Last Week <i>08-15-2002</i>	52.25	47.75	35.04	14.48	9.11	3.68
3 Months Ago <i>05-23-2002</i>	25.69	74.31	61.00	38.99	24.05	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	38.02	61.98	44.37	17.45	6.93	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	46.30	53.70	28.31	10.67	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-23-2001</i>	31.21	68.79	48.94	17.61	0.65	0.00

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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