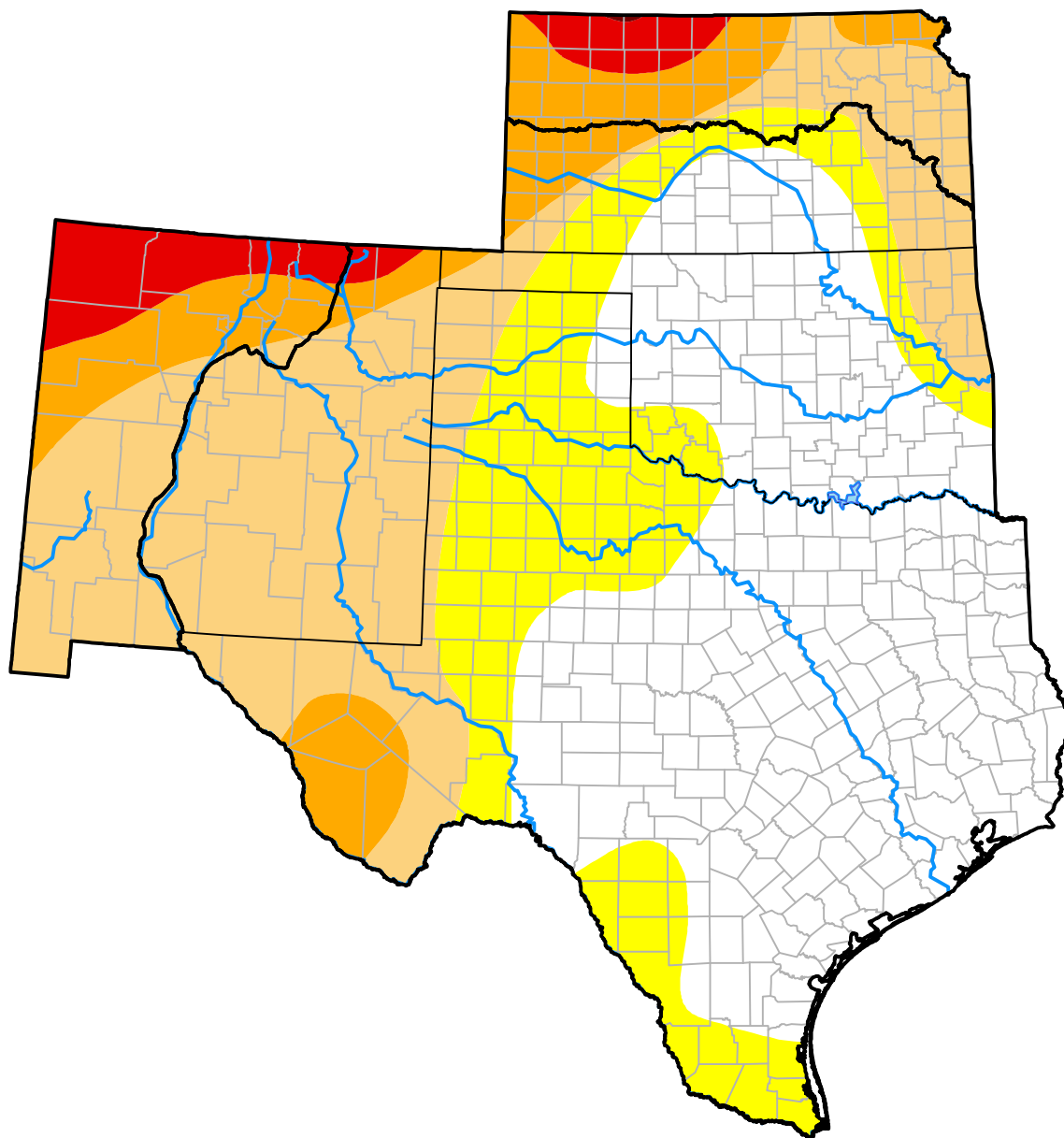


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**October 22, 2002**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.06 | 17.41 | 27.27 | 6.70  | 3.56  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-17-2002</i>              | 44.17 | 17.30 | 28.53 | 6.55  | 3.45  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-25-2002</i>           | 46.63 | 9.21  | 15.31 | 8.24  | 14.62 | 5.99 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 38.02 | 17.61 | 26.92 | 10.52 | 6.93  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 26.44 | 32.07 | 30.68 | 7.66  | 3.00  | 0.14 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-25-2001</i>           | 42.71 | 19.59 | 22.94 | 14.76 | 0.00  | 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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