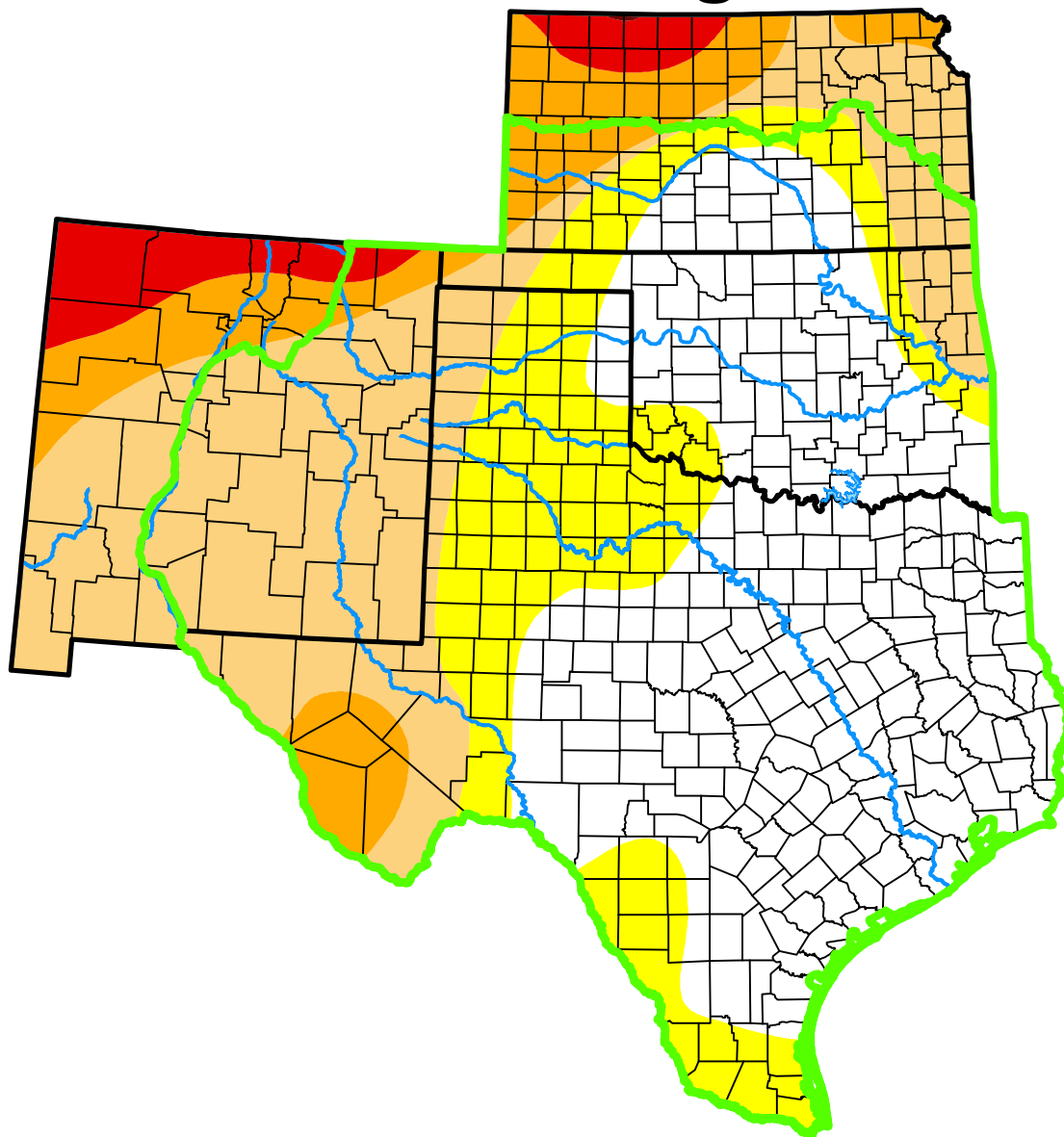


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	50.03	20.73	24.07	4.83	0.35	0.00
Last Week <i>10-15-2002</i>	49.33	20.34	25.13	4.84	0.36	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-23-2002</i>	50.91	12.98	16.98	9.64	8.81	0.68
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	37.24	10.70	33.82	11.04	7.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	27.99	38.81	26.71	5.45	1.03	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2001</i>	41.32	19.67	23.70	15.31	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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