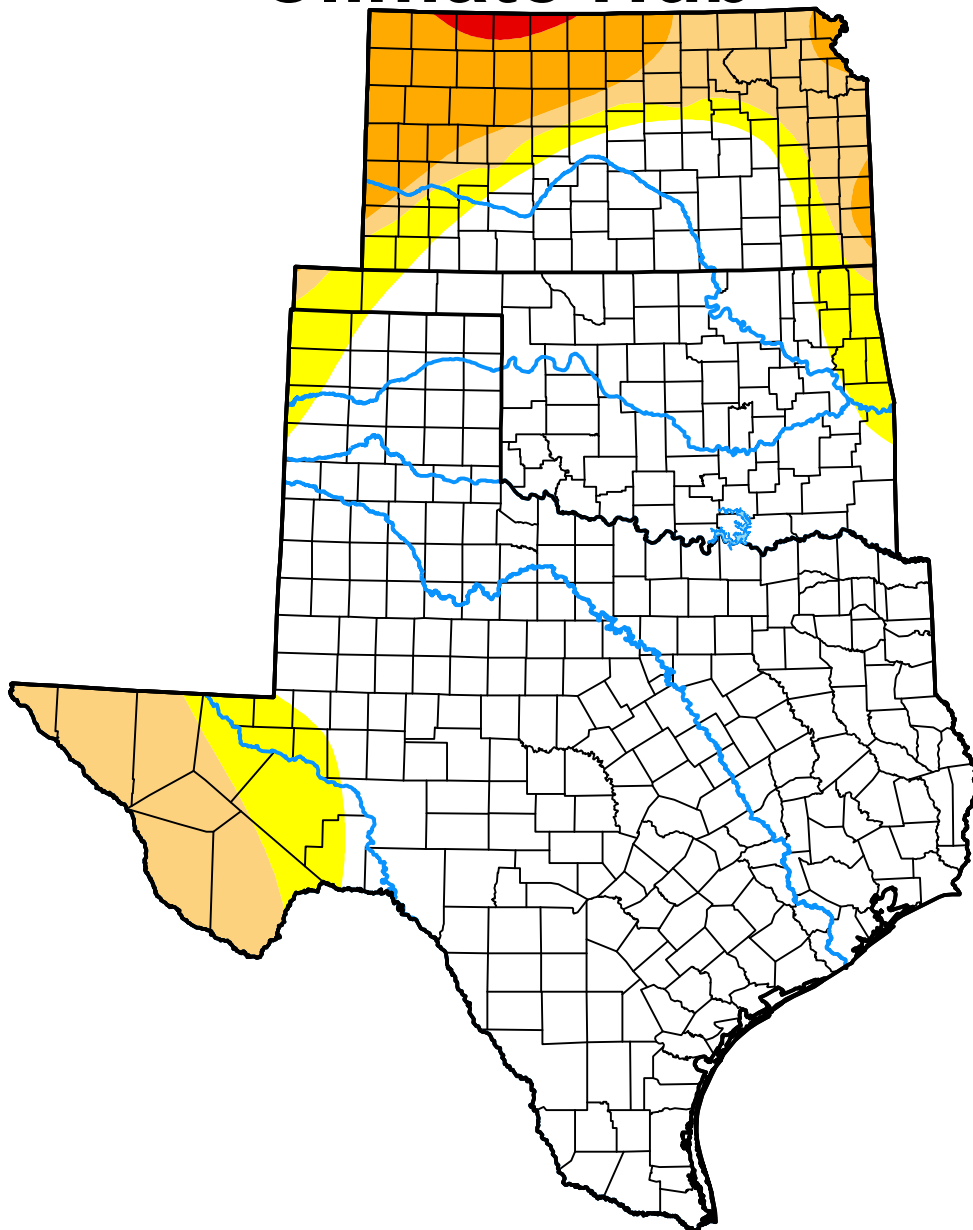


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.14	23.86	15.74	5.75	0.40	0.00
Last Week 12-10-2002	76.18	23.82	15.60	5.76	0.52	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-17-2002	56.56	43.44	23.84	10.45	2.74	0.52
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	43.71	56.29	40.35	14.84	7.10	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	29.52	70.48	29.20	14.14	4.26	0.98
One Year Ago 12-18-2001	47.03	52.97	38.62	12.26	6.97	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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