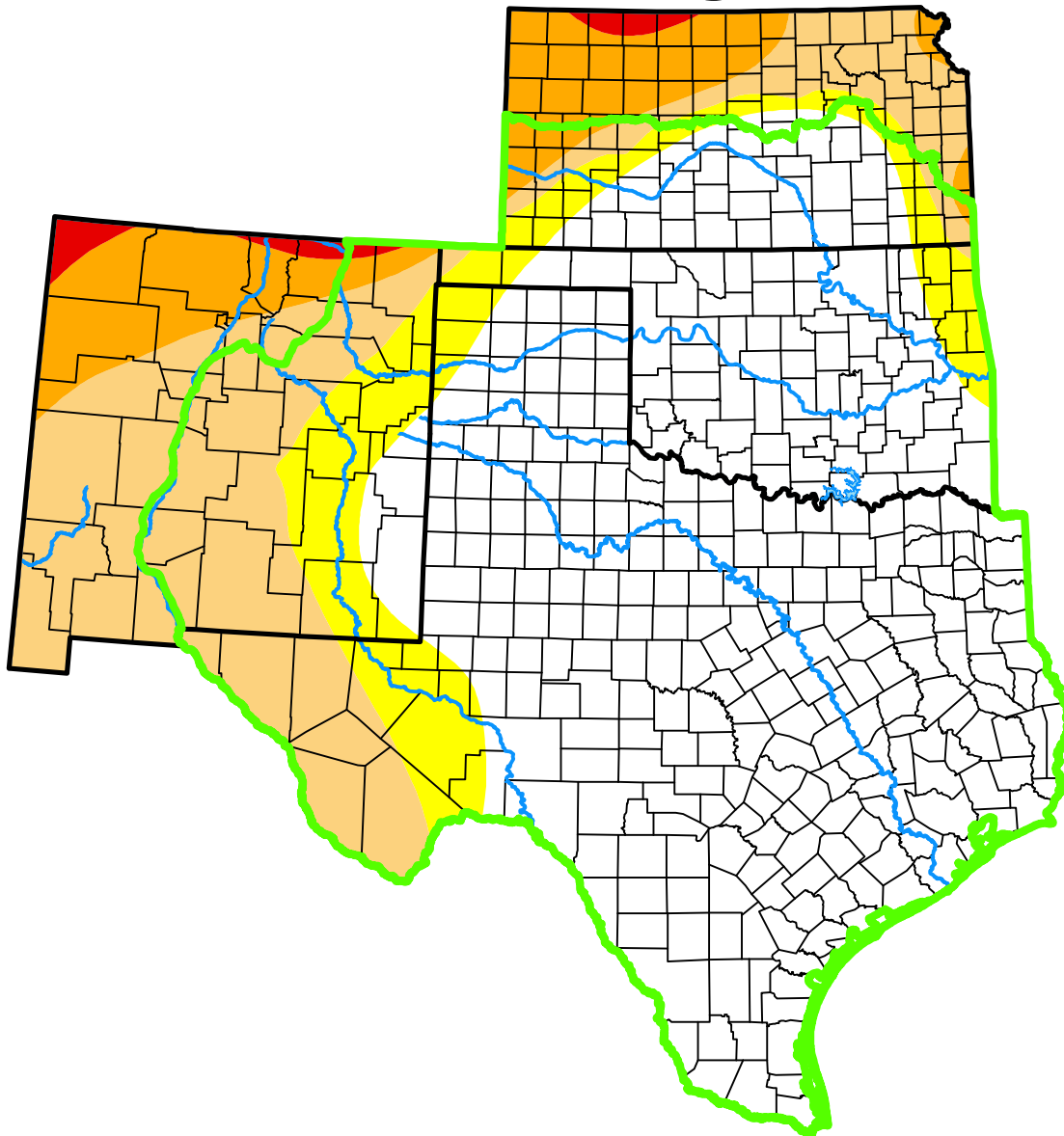


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	73.75	11.40	13.56	1.17	0.12	0.00
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	73.87	11.63	13.26	1.13	0.12	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	53.47	17.37	20.45	7.92	0.74	0.05
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>12-18-2001</i>	38.74	10.47	35.03	8.71	7.05	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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