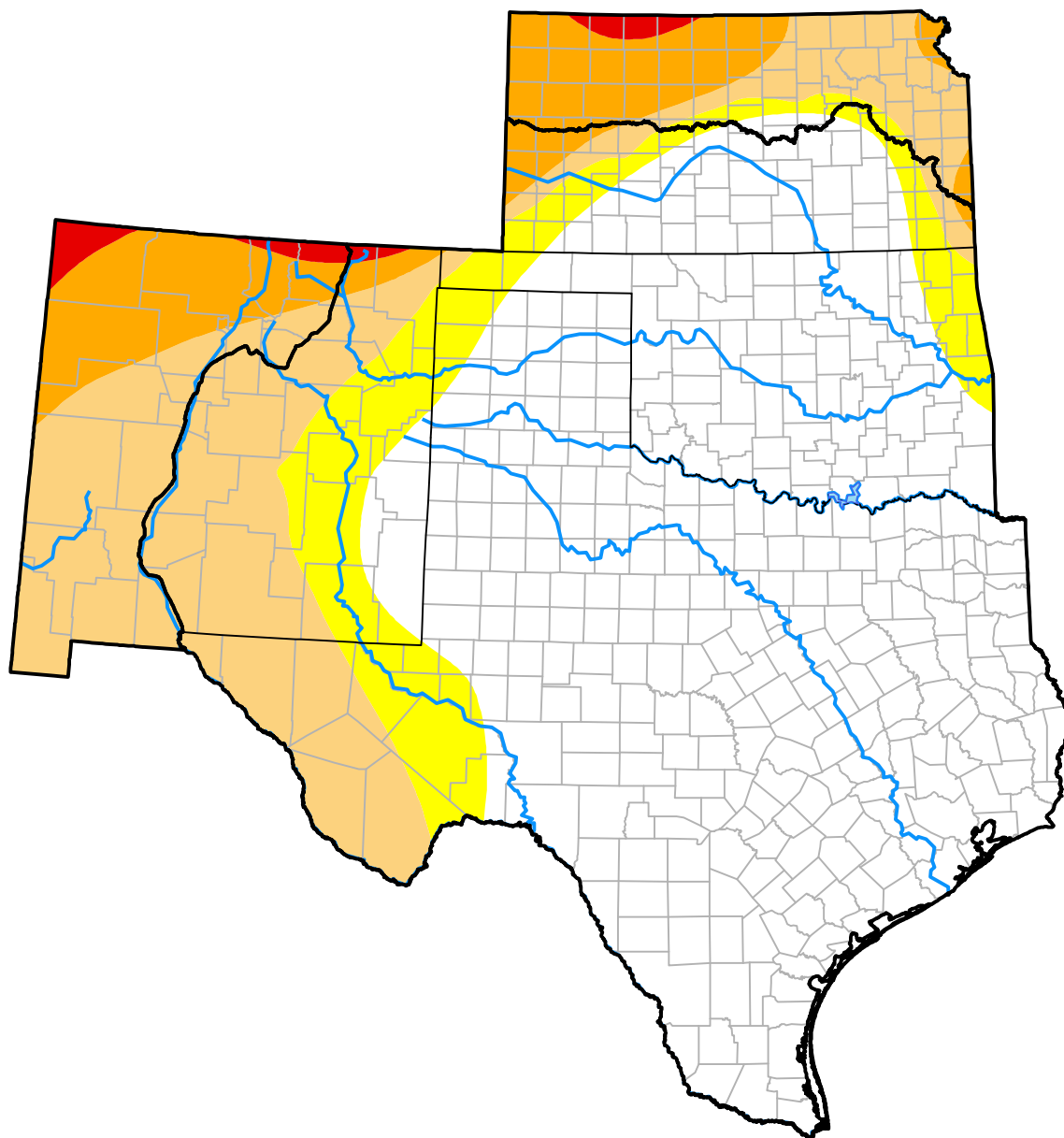


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.27	34.73	25.48	5.94	0.82	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2002</i>	65.38	34.62	25.14	5.89	0.81	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2002</i>	46.58	53.42	38.11	15.29	5.99	2.78
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>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	73.56	41.49	10.80	3.14	0.14
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2001</i>	40.04	59.96	45.02	15.14	6.80	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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