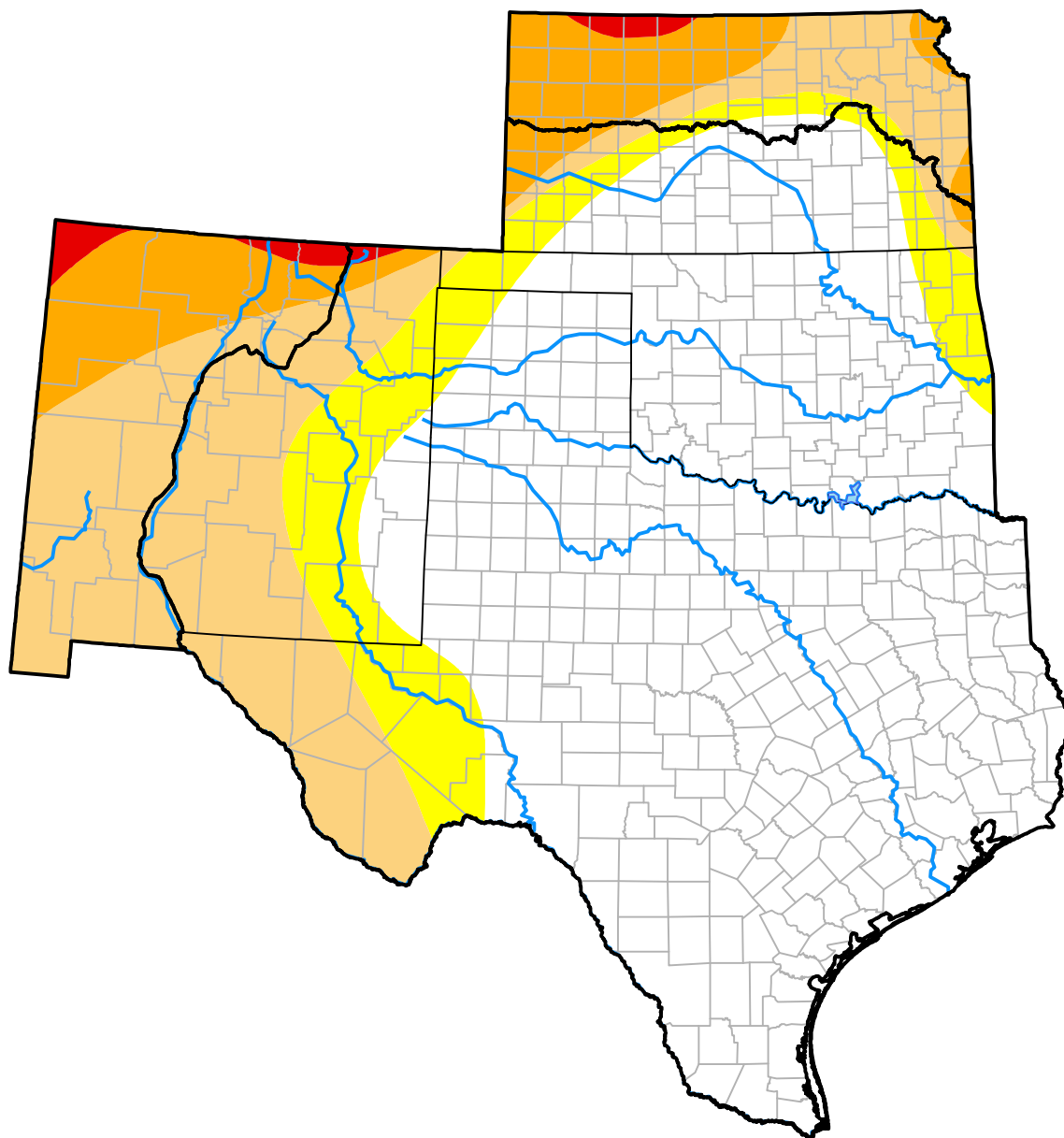


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	65.37	9.44	19.47	4.90	0.82	0.00
Last Week <i>12-19-2002</i>	65.27	9.25	19.54	5.12	0.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-26-2002</i>	49.85	12.21	24.88	8.38	4.40	0.29
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	38.02	17.61	26.92	10.52	6.93	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	32.07	30.68	7.66	3.00	0.14
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2001</i>	38.88	15.43	28.17	10.72	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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