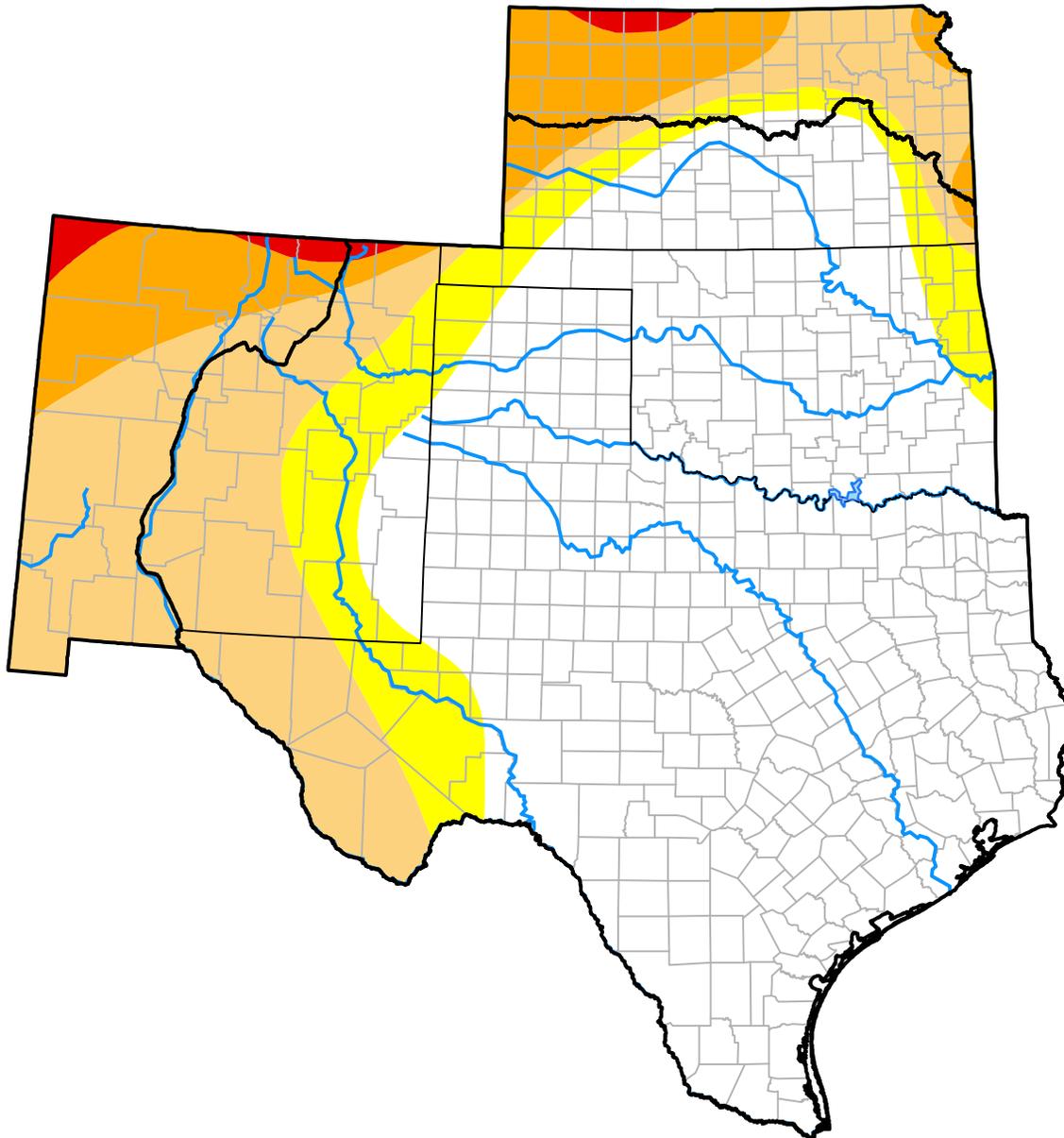


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	65.37	34.63	25.18	5.72	0.82	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-19-2002</i>	65.27	34.73	25.48	5.94	0.82	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-26-2002</i>	49.85	50.15	37.94	13.06	4.68	0.29
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2002</i>	38.02	61.98	44.37	17.45	6.93	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	73.56	41.49	10.80	3.14	0.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-27-2001</i>	38.88	61.12	45.69	17.52	6.80	0.00

***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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