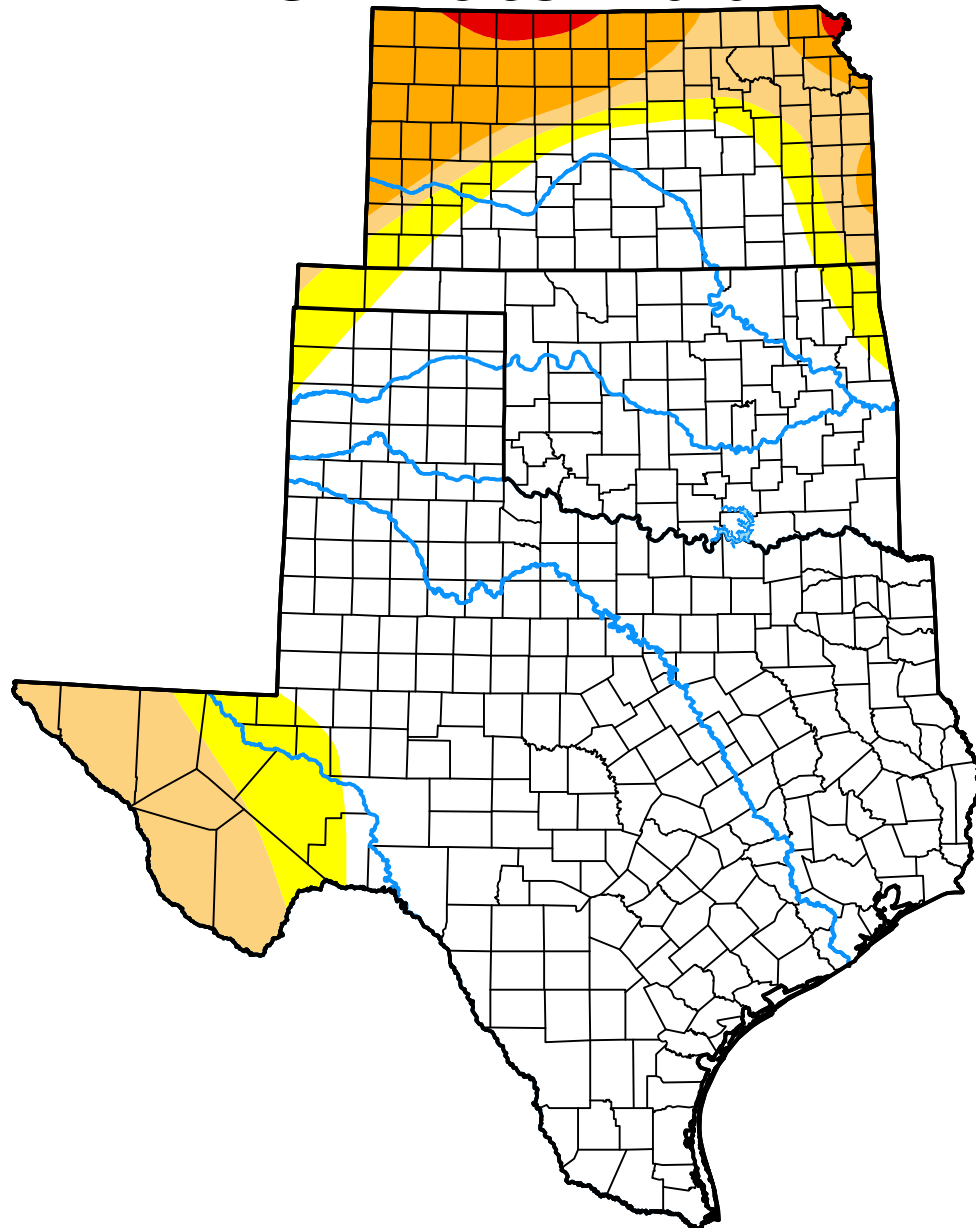


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	77.20	7.32	9.18	5.74	0.57	0.00
Last Week 12-24-2002	76.17	8.37	9.77	5.30	0.39	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-01-2002	29.52	41.28	15.06	9.88	3.28	0.98
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	43.71	15.94	25.51	7.74	7.10	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	29.52	41.28	15.06	9.88	3.28	0.98
One Year Ago 01-01-2002	43.71	15.94	25.51	7.74	7.10	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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