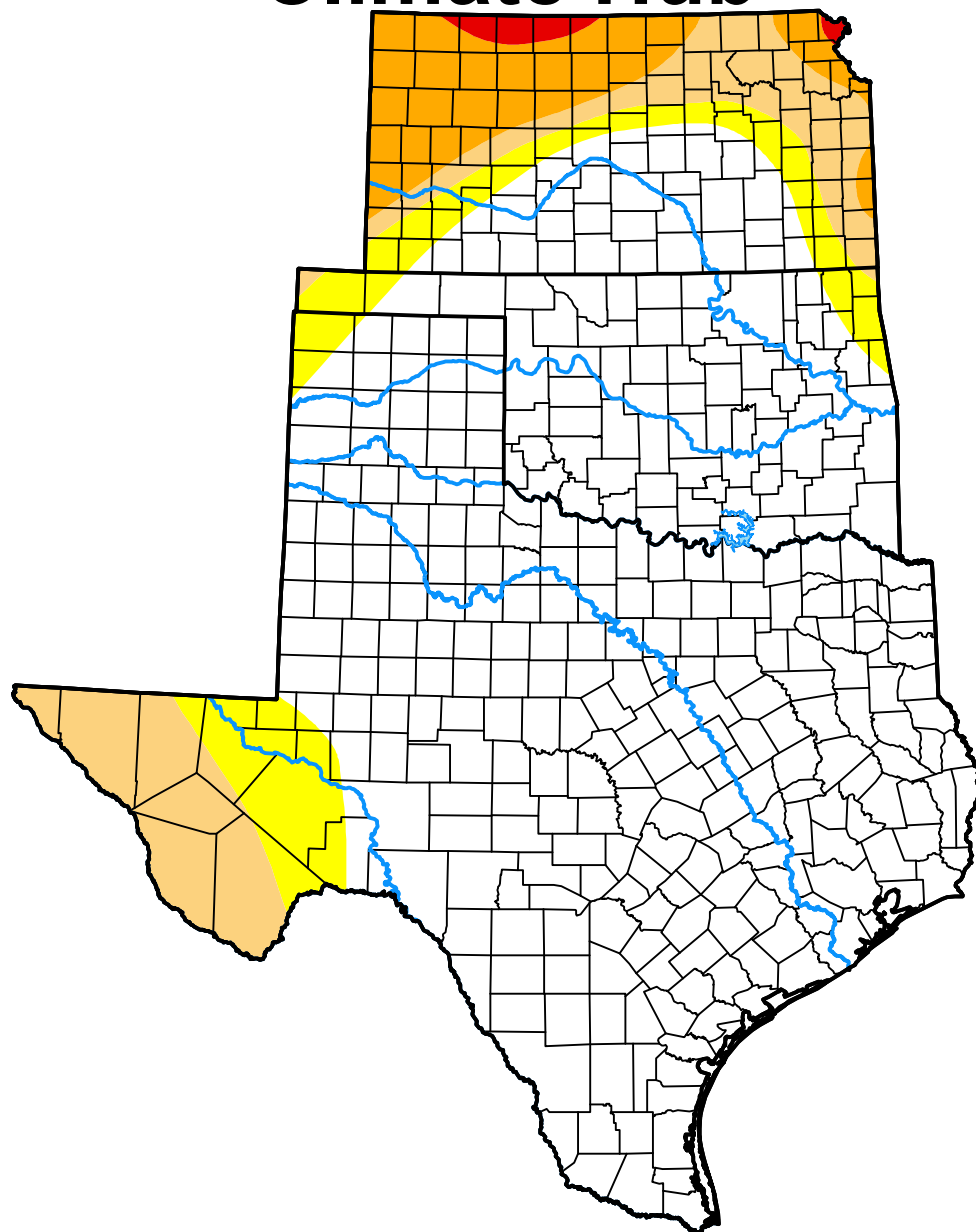


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.20	22.80	15.49	6.31	0.57	0.00
Last Week <i>12-24-2002</i>	76.17	23.83	15.46	5.69	0.39	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.52	70.48	29.20	14.14	4.26	0.98
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	43.71	56.29	40.35	14.84	7.10	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.52	70.48	29.20	14.14	4.26	0.98
One Year Ago <i>01-01-2002</i>	43.71	56.29	40.35	14.84	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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