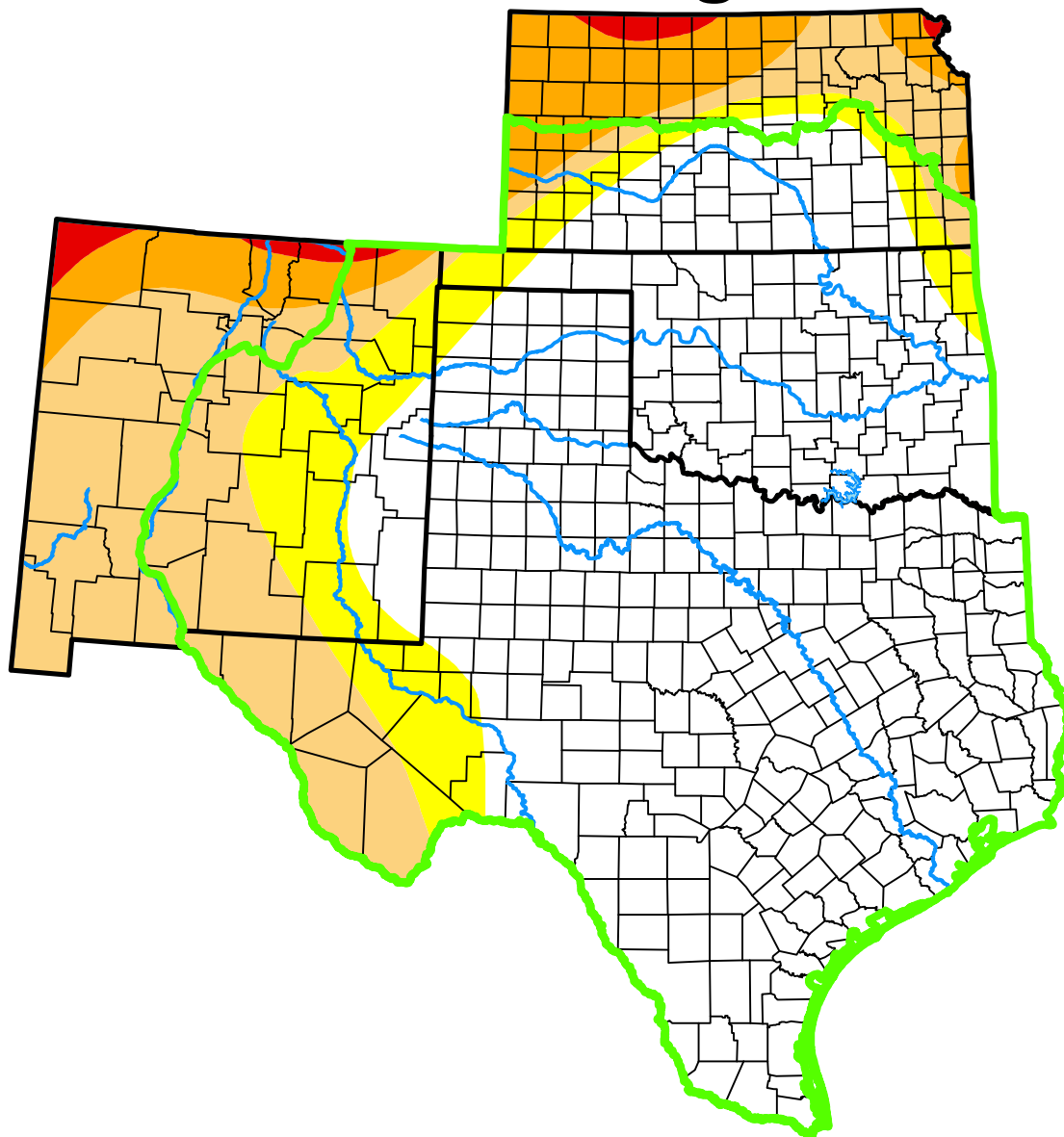


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	75.48	11.78	11.47	1.16	0.12	0.00
Last Week 12-24-2002	73.87	11.64	13.27	1.10	0.12	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-01-2002	27.99	38.81	26.71	5.45	1.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	37.24	10.70	33.82	11.04	7.19	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	27.99	38.81	26.71	5.45	1.03	0.00
One Year Ago 01-01-2002	37.24	10.70	33.82	11.04	7.19	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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