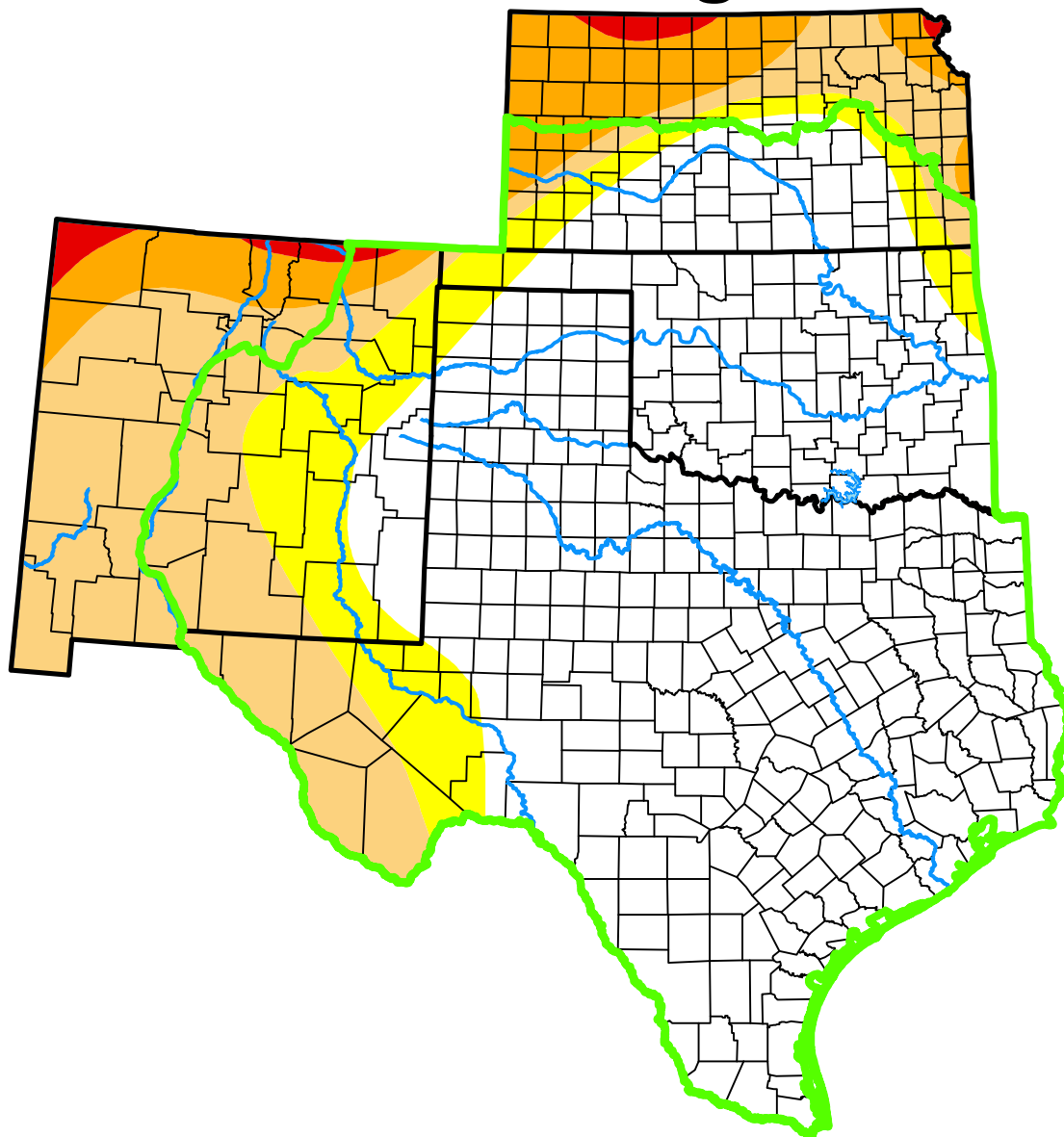


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.48	24.52	12.75	1.28	0.12	0.00
Last Week <i>12-24-2002</i>	73.87	26.13	14.49	1.22	0.12	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2002</i>	27.99	72.01	33.20	6.49	1.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	37.24	62.76	52.05	18.23	7.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	27.99	72.01	33.20	6.49	1.04	0.00
One Year Ago <i>01-01-2002</i>	37.24	62.76	52.05	18.23	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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