

# 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   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 75.22 | 24.78 | 17.09 | 7.25  | 0.87  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-14-2003</i>              | 74.13 | 25.87 | 17.35 | 7.35  | 0.84  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-22-2002</i>           | 52.76 | 47.24 | 24.92 | 10.00 | 1.60  | 0.03 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 77.20 | 22.80 | 15.49 | 6.31  | 0.57  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 29.52 | 70.48 | 29.20 | 14.14 | 4.26  | 0.98 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-22-2002</i>           | 43.50 | 56.50 | 40.52 | 15.00 | 6.99  | 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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