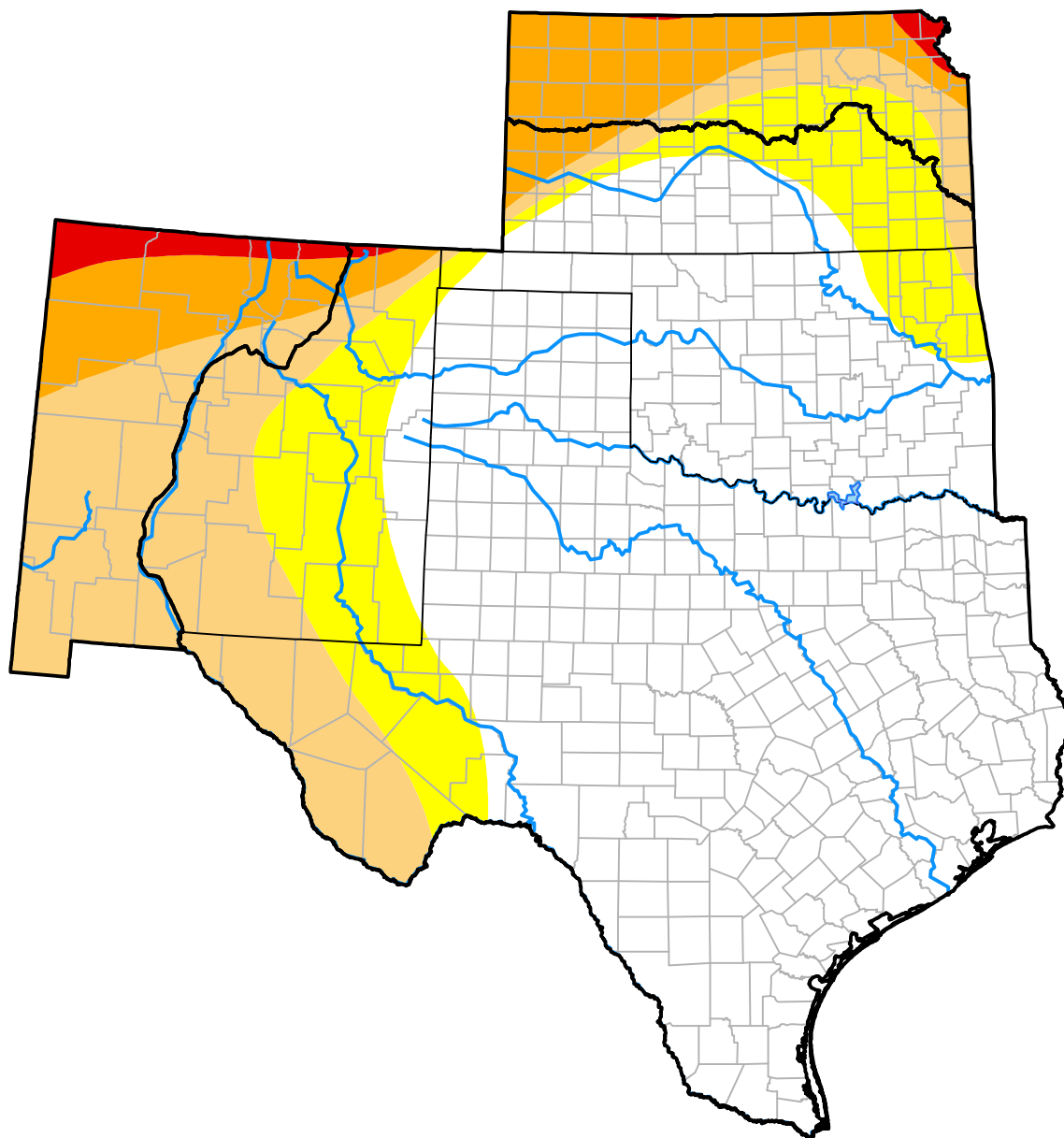


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	65.75	10.83	17.49	4.58	1.36	0.00
Last Week <i>02-13-2003</i>	64.82	11.80	18.47	3.54	1.37	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-21-2002</i>	62.39	12.08	19.57	5.05	0.90	0.01
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	9.57	19.38	3.26	0.82	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	32.07	30.68	7.66	3.00	0.14
One Year Ago <i>02-21-2002</i>	46.88	14.31	30.41	4.74	3.66	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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