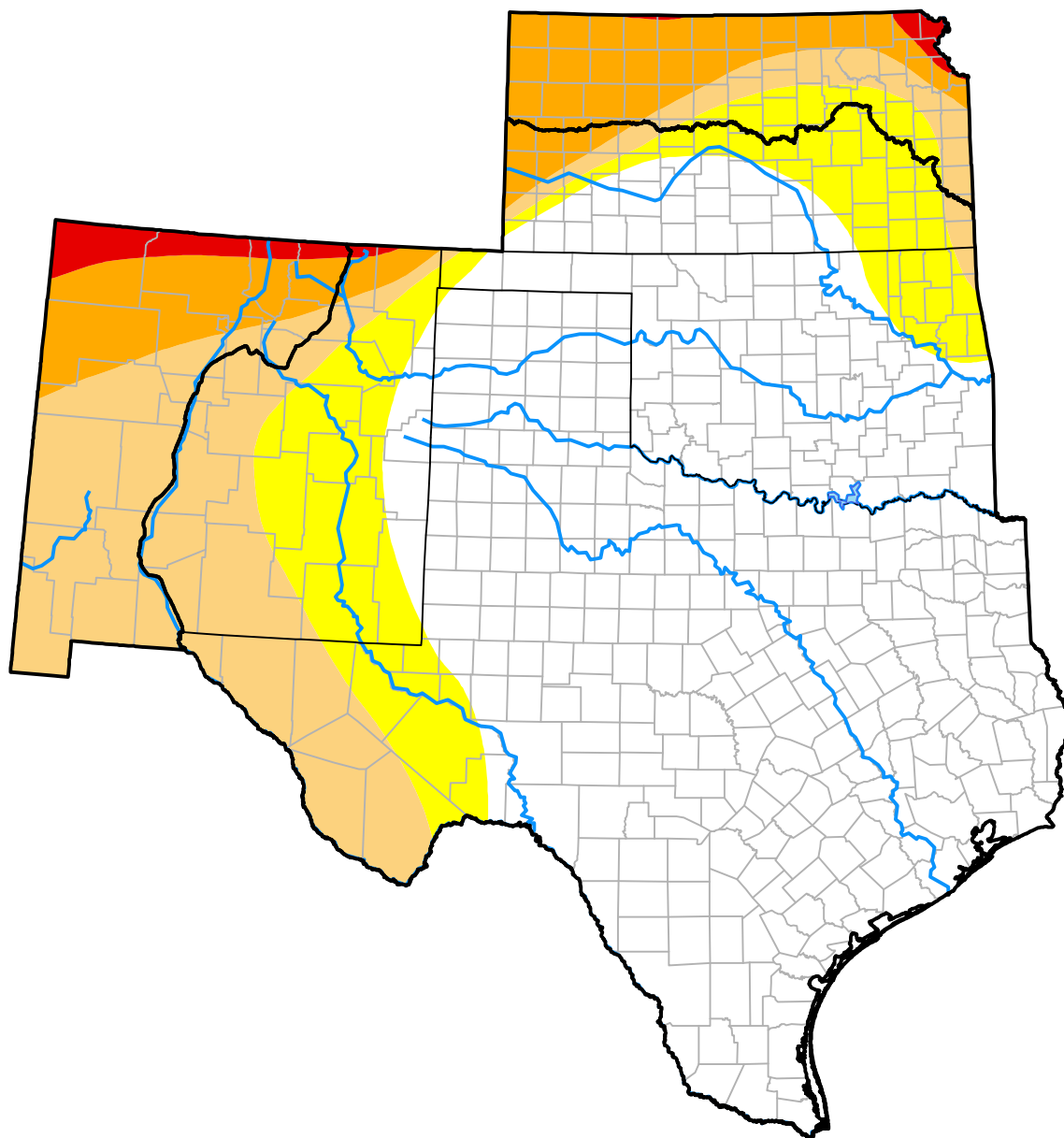


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.75	34.25	23.42	5.93	1.36	0.00
Last Week <i>02-13-2003</i>	64.82	35.18	23.38	4.91	1.37	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-21-2002</i>	62.39	37.61	25.53	5.95	0.90	0.01
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	33.03	23.46	4.08	0.82	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	73.56	41.49	10.80	3.14	0.14
One Year Ago <i>02-21-2002</i>	46.88	53.12	38.81	8.40	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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