

# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

**February 25, 2003**  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 80.36 | 8.37  | 4.67  | 6.26 | 0.34 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-18-2003</i>                  | 74.68 | 10.52 | 8.05  | 6.42 | 0.34 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-26-2002</i>               | 74.60 | 9.33  | 10.88 | 4.78 | 0.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 77.20 | 7.32  | 9.18  | 5.74 | 0.57 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 29.52 | 41.28 | 15.06 | 9.88 | 3.28 | 0.98 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-26-2002</i>               | 54.20 | 21.81 | 15.48 | 6.15 | 2.37 | 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>*

## Author:

David Miskus  
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**

