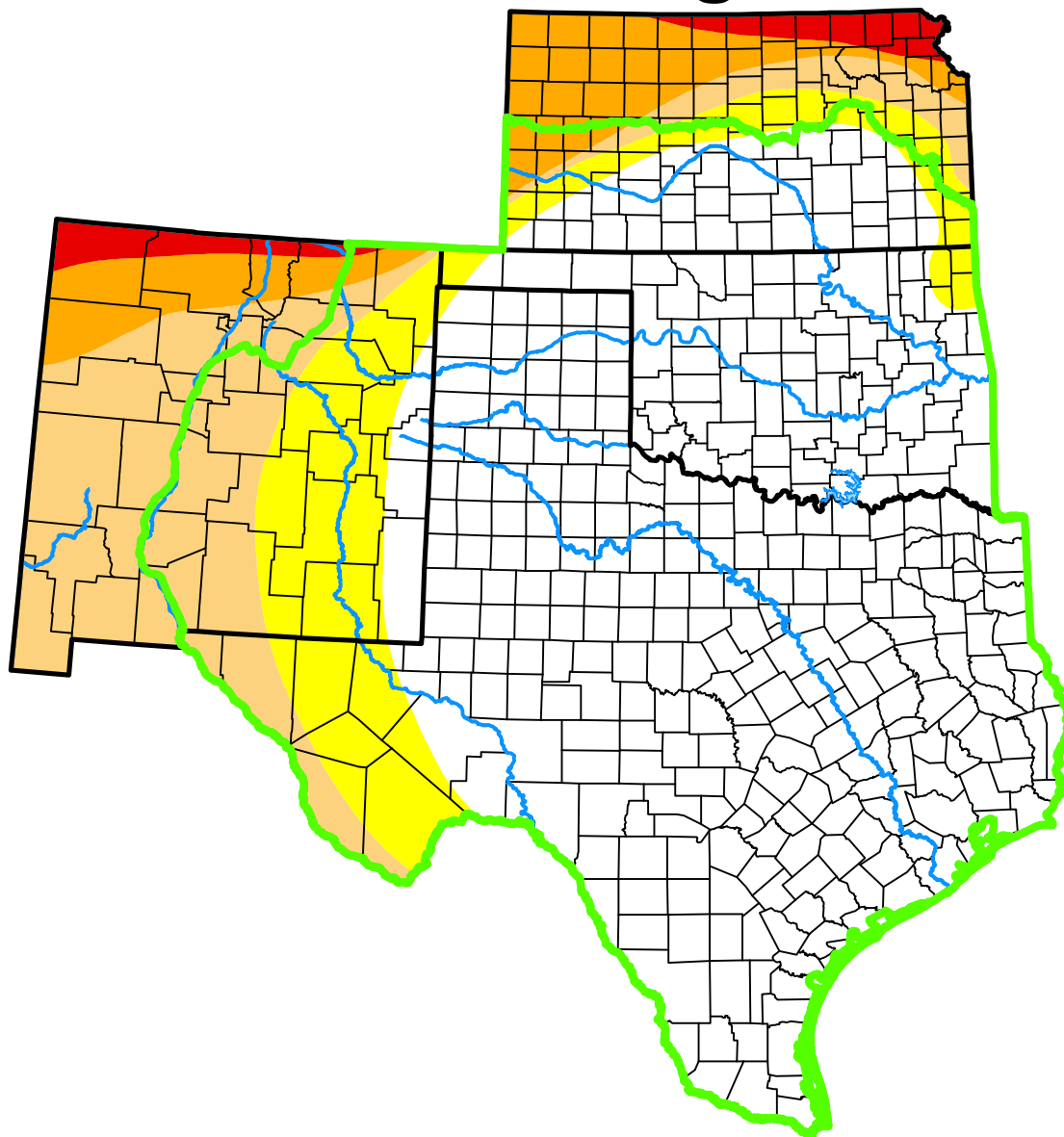


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	78.01	21.99	8.60	1.13	0.06	0.00
Last Week <i>02-25-2003</i>	77.98	22.02	8.78	1.04	0.10	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-03-2002</i>	70.72	29.28	14.76	1.24	0.09	0.01
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	75.48	24.52	12.75	1.28	0.12	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>03-05-2002</i>	42.22	57.78	38.66	14.43	2.30	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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