

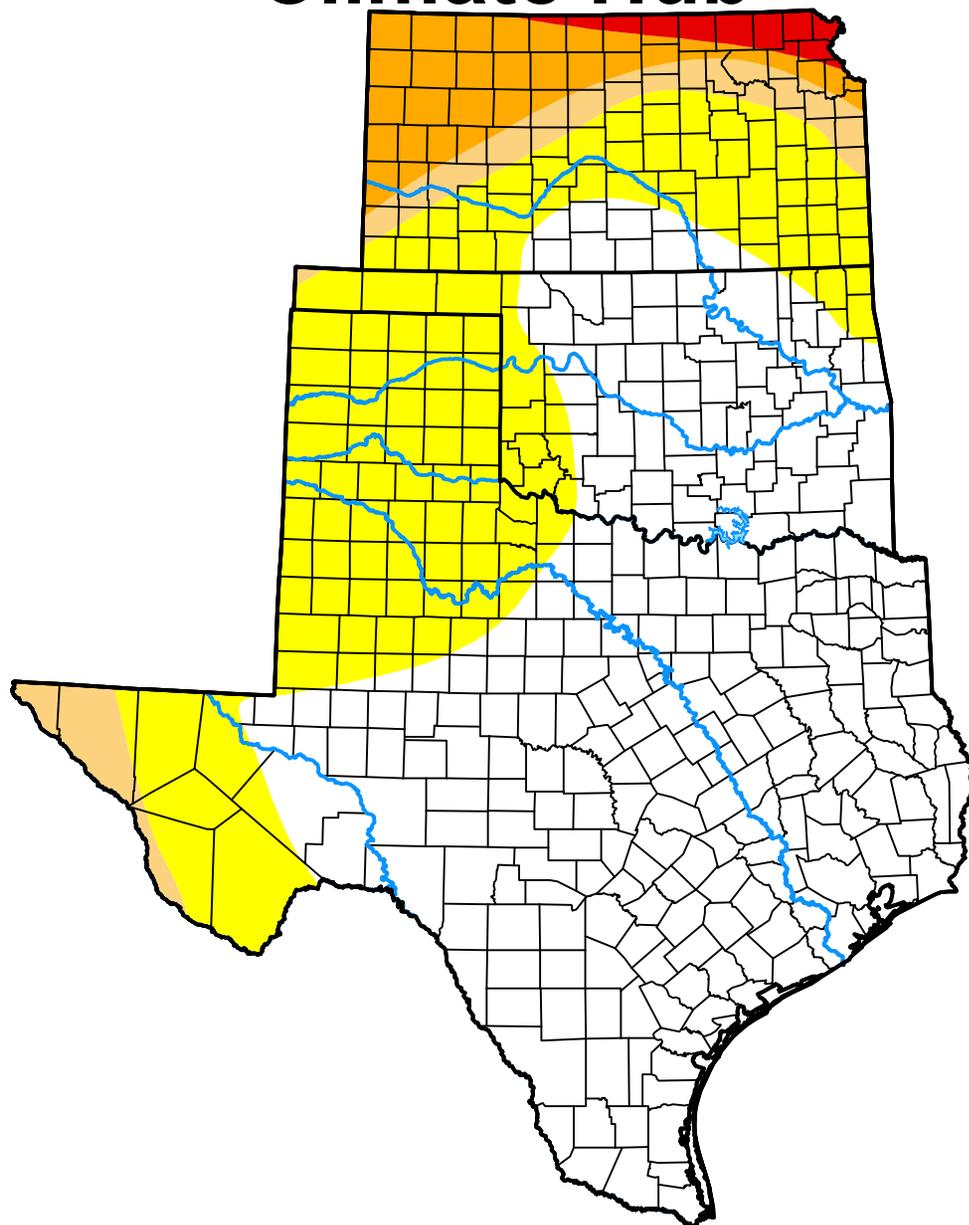
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	59.45	40.55	11.24	6.84	1.26	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	59.30	40.70	11.96	6.85	1.34	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	76.14	23.86	15.74	5.75	0.40	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	77.20	22.80	15.49	6.31	0.57	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.52	70.48	29.20	14.14	4.26	0.98
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-19-2002</i>	33.65	66.35	32.74	15.50	2.47	0.00



***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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