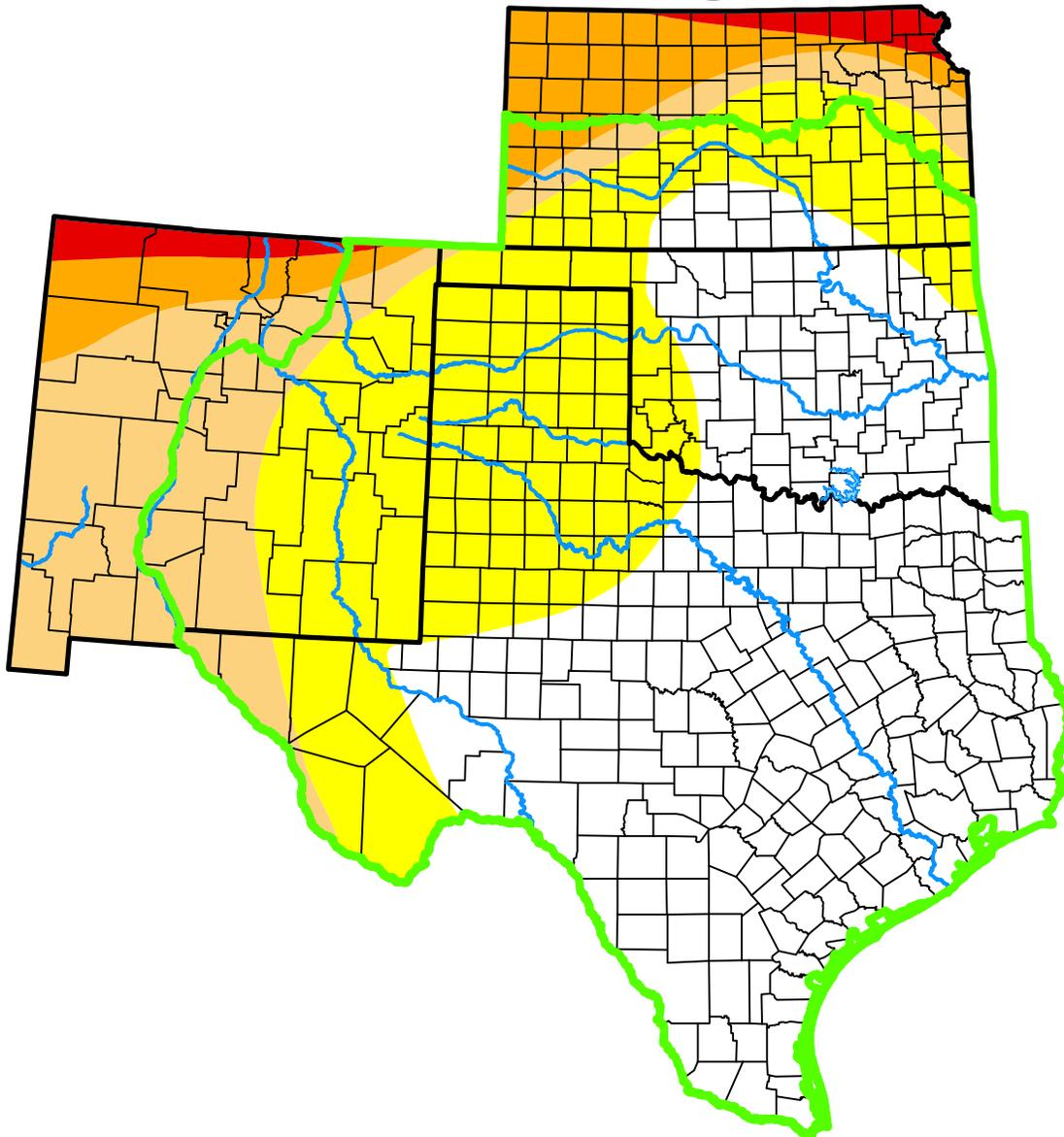


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Current | 56.37 | 34.81 | 7.75 | 1.02 | 0.05 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i> | 56.22 | 34.58 | 8.05 | 1.08 | 0.06 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i> | 73.75 | 11.40 | 13.56 | 1.17 | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i> | 75.48 | 11.78 | 11.47 | 1.16 | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i> | 27.99 | 38.81 | 26.71 | 5.45 | 1.03 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i> | 27.53 | 27.27 | 29.82 | 13.04 | 2.34 | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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