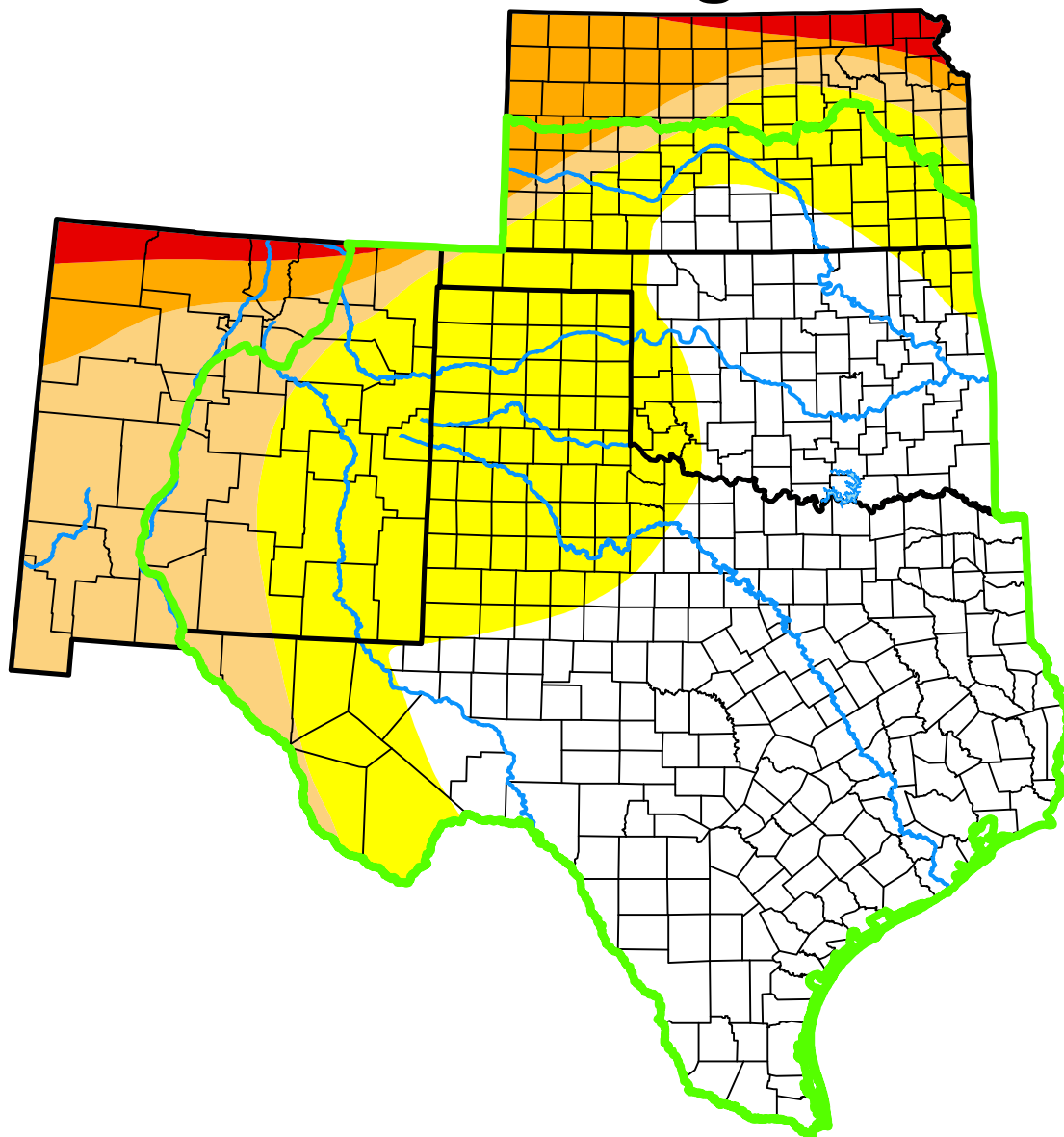


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	56.37	43.63	8.82	1.07	0.05	0.00
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	56.22	43.78	9.19	1.15	0.06	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	73.75	26.25	14.85	1.29	0.12	0.00
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>03-19-2002</i>	27.53	72.47	45.20	15.38	2.34	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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