

# U.S. Drought Monitor

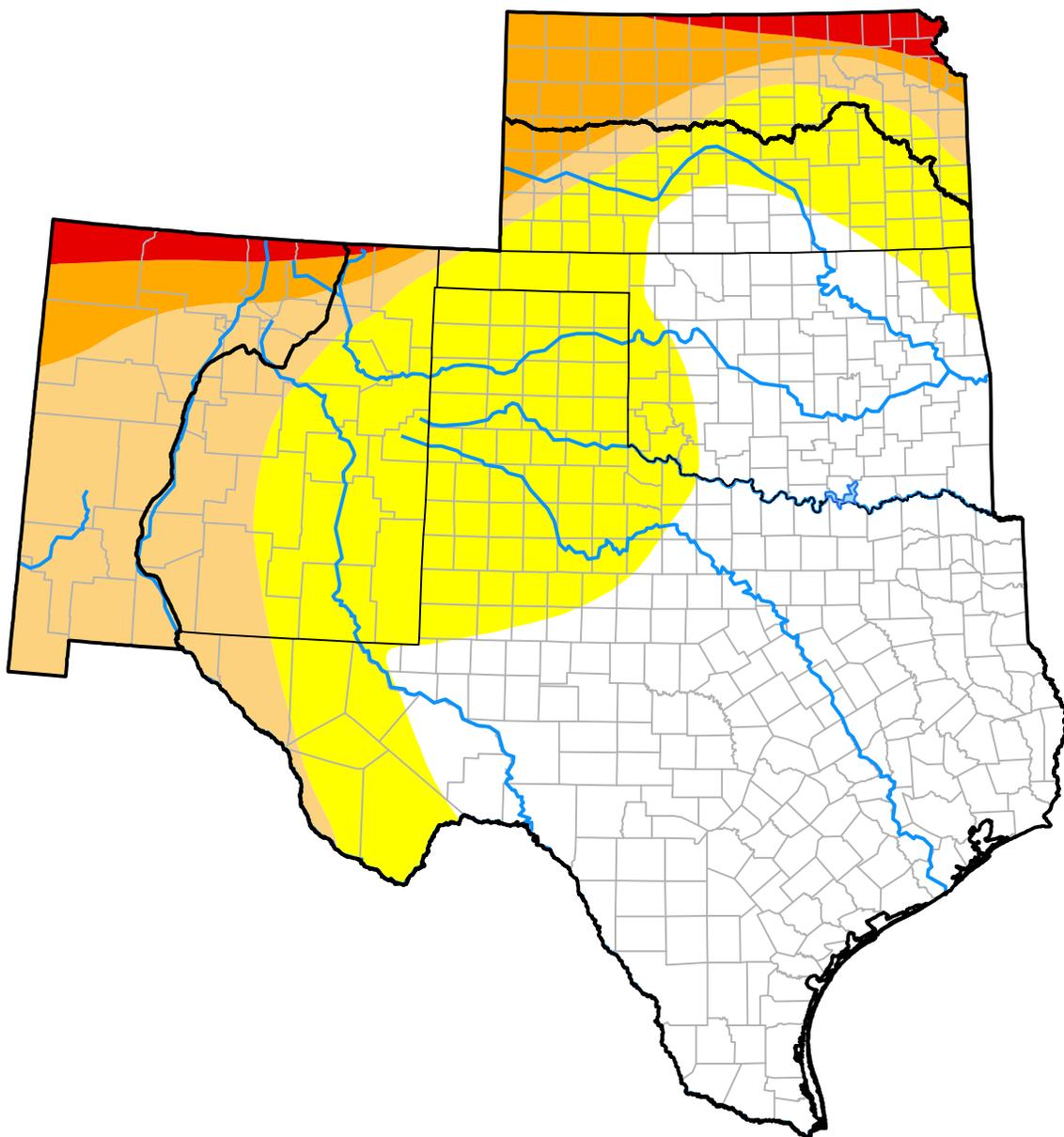
## Southern Plains RDEWS

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.49	47.51	19.74	4.40	1.40	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-13-2003</i>	52.31	47.69	20.16	4.44	1.33	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-19-2002</i>	65.27	34.73	25.48	5.94	0.82	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	33.03	23.46	4.08	0.82	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	73.56	41.49	10.80	3.14	0.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-21-2002</i>	24.45	75.55	52.63	15.08	2.26	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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