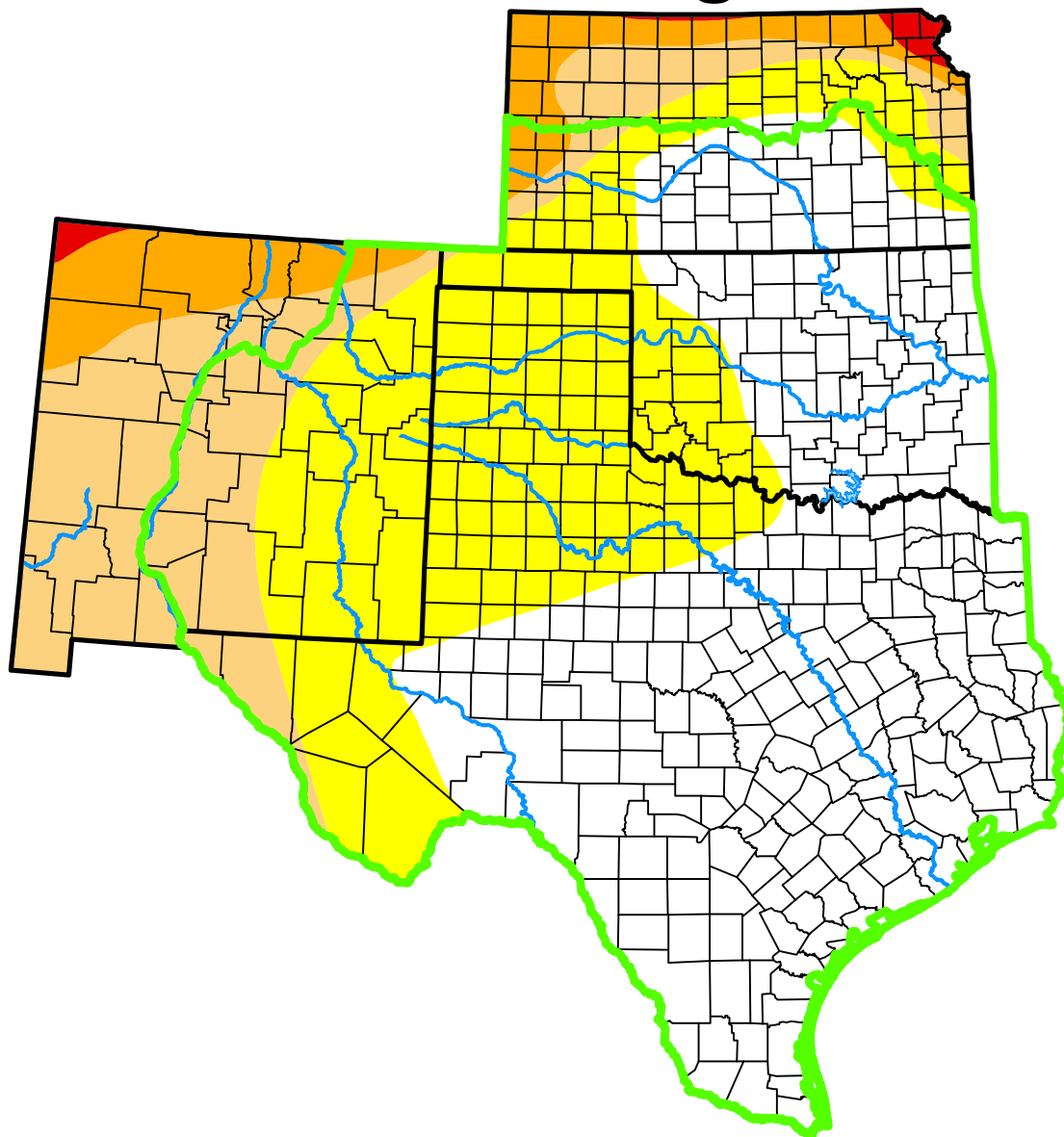


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



**April 1, 2003**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                 | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 58.05 | 33.64 | 7.36  | 0.93  | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>03-25-2003                  | 59.75 | 31.71 | 7.55  | 0.93  | 0.06 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-31-2002               | 75.48 | 11.78 | 11.47 | 1.16  | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2002 | 75.48 | 11.78 | 11.47 | 1.16  | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>10-01-2002    | 27.99 | 38.81 | 26.71 | 5.45  | 1.03 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>04-02-2002               | 31.21 | 21.72 | 23.03 | 21.67 | 2.37 | 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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