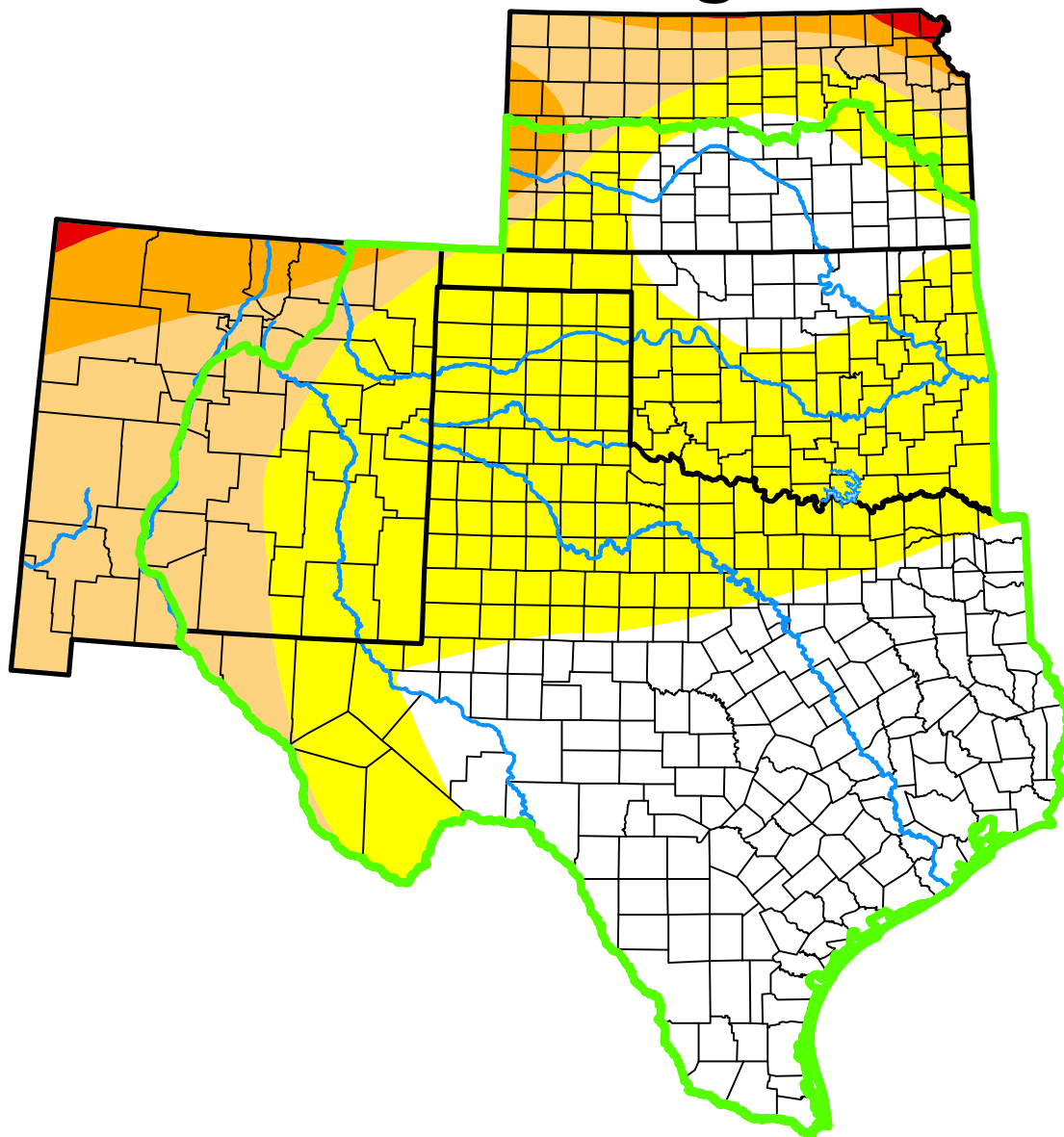


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.13	46.20	7.94	0.73	0.01	0.00
Last Week <i>04-08-2003</i>	55.05	36.55	7.53	0.86	0.01	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-14-2003</i>	72.67	12.87	13.15	1.21	0.11	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>04-16-2002</i>	43.19	15.50	18.77	20.35	2.19	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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