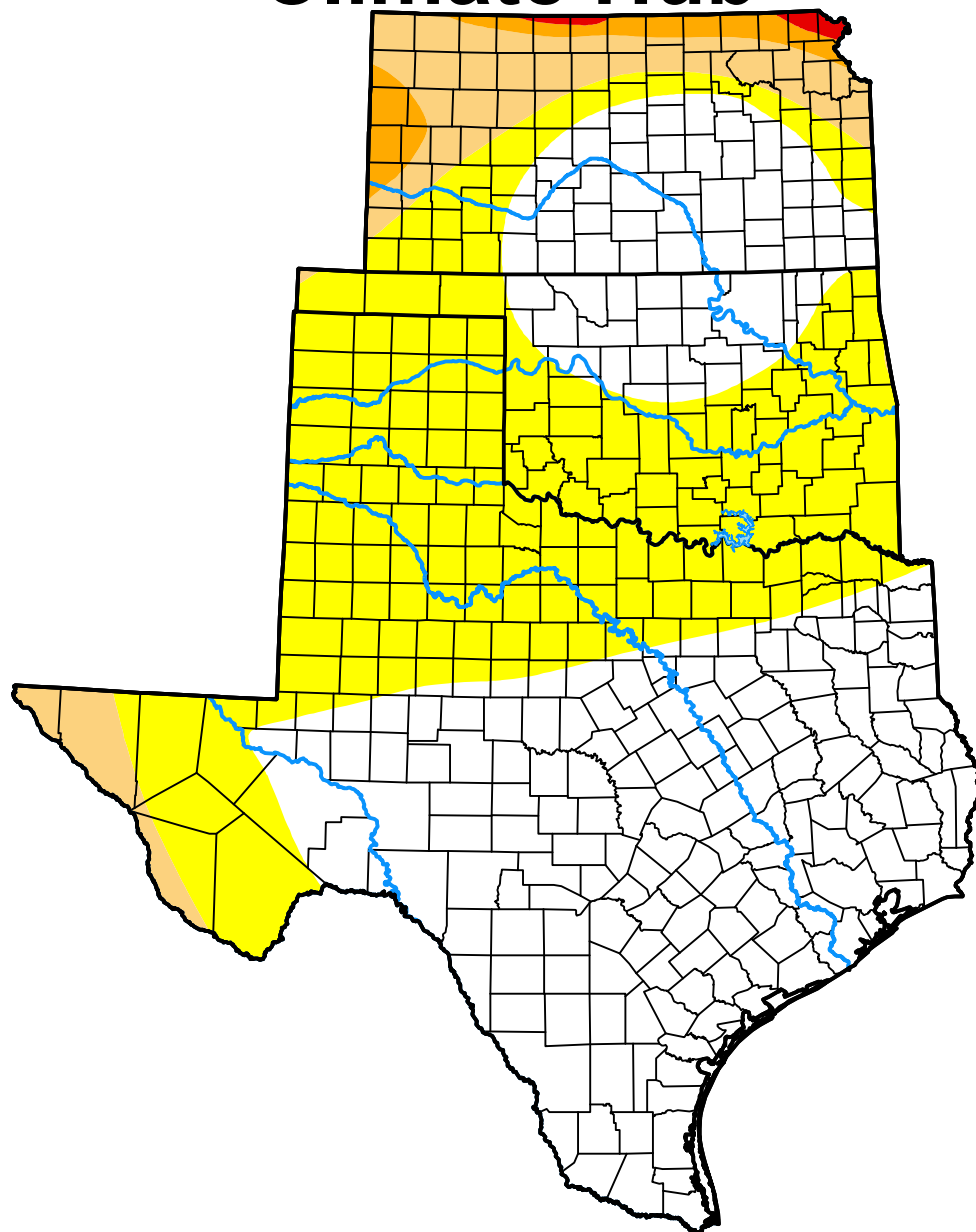


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



April 22, 2003

(Released Thursday, Apr. 24, 2003)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.02	48.98	9.38	2.18	0.28	0.00
Last Week <i>04-15-2003</i>	47.86	52.14	9.33	2.56	0.32	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-21-2003</i>	75.22	24.78	17.09	7.25	0.87	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	77.20	22.80	15.49	6.31	0.57	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.52	70.48	29.20	14.14	4.26	0.98
One Year Ago <i>04-23-2002</i>	39.12	60.88	33.72	19.78	3.99	0.00

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>

Author:

Brad Rippey
U.S. Department of Agriculture



droughtmonitor.unl.edu