

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

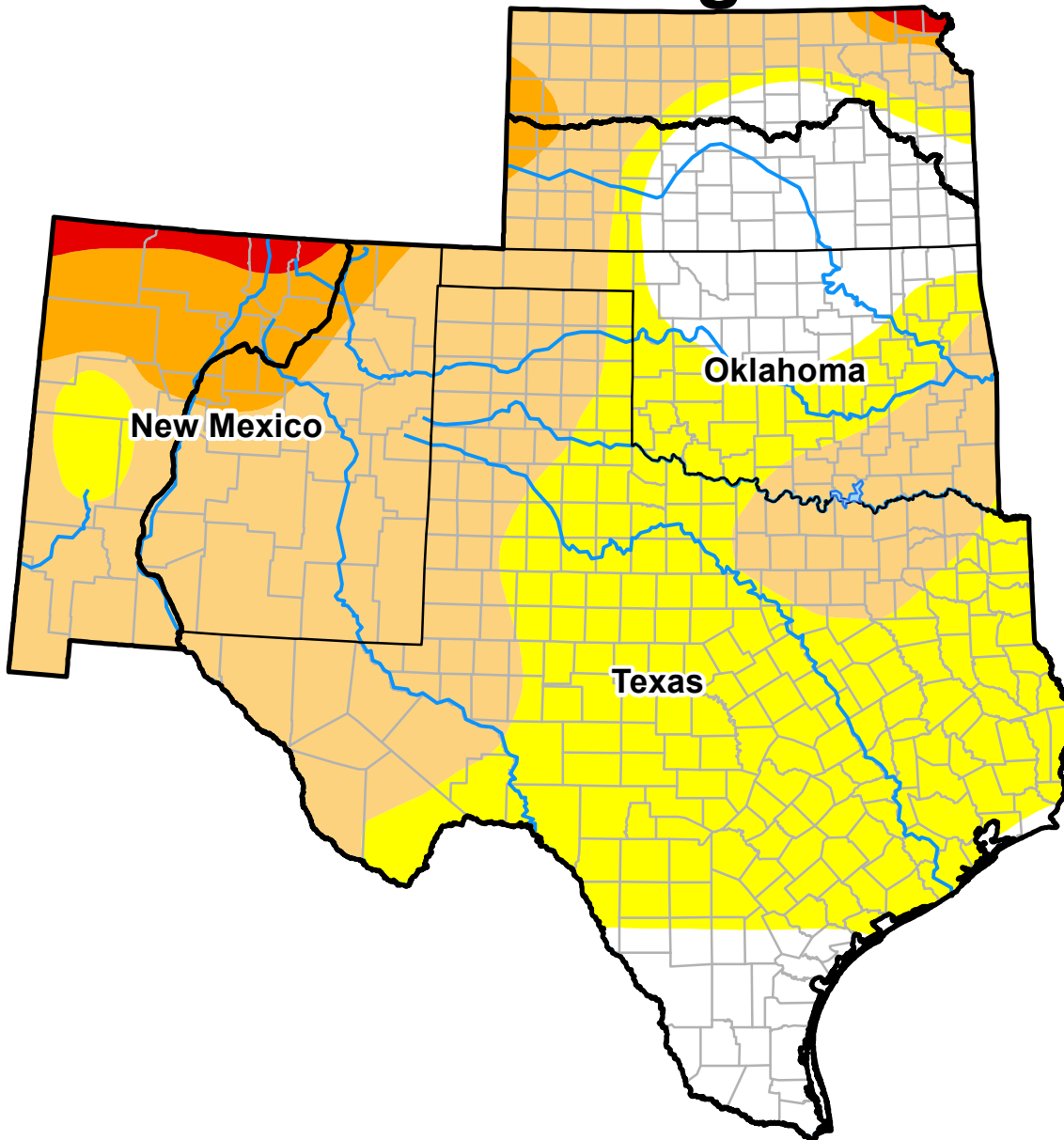
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	14.69	85.31	47.82	7.48	1.22	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-29-2003</i>	14.87	85.13	27.81	7.65	1.08	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-04-2003</i>	58.64	41.36	29.02	9.30	1.37	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	61.86	38.14	28.00	8.34	1.14	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	22.86	77.14	45.17	17.04	5.96	0.88
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-07-2002</i>	27.20	72.80	48.50	35.38	10.70	0.00

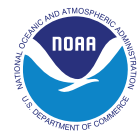


**Intensity:**

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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