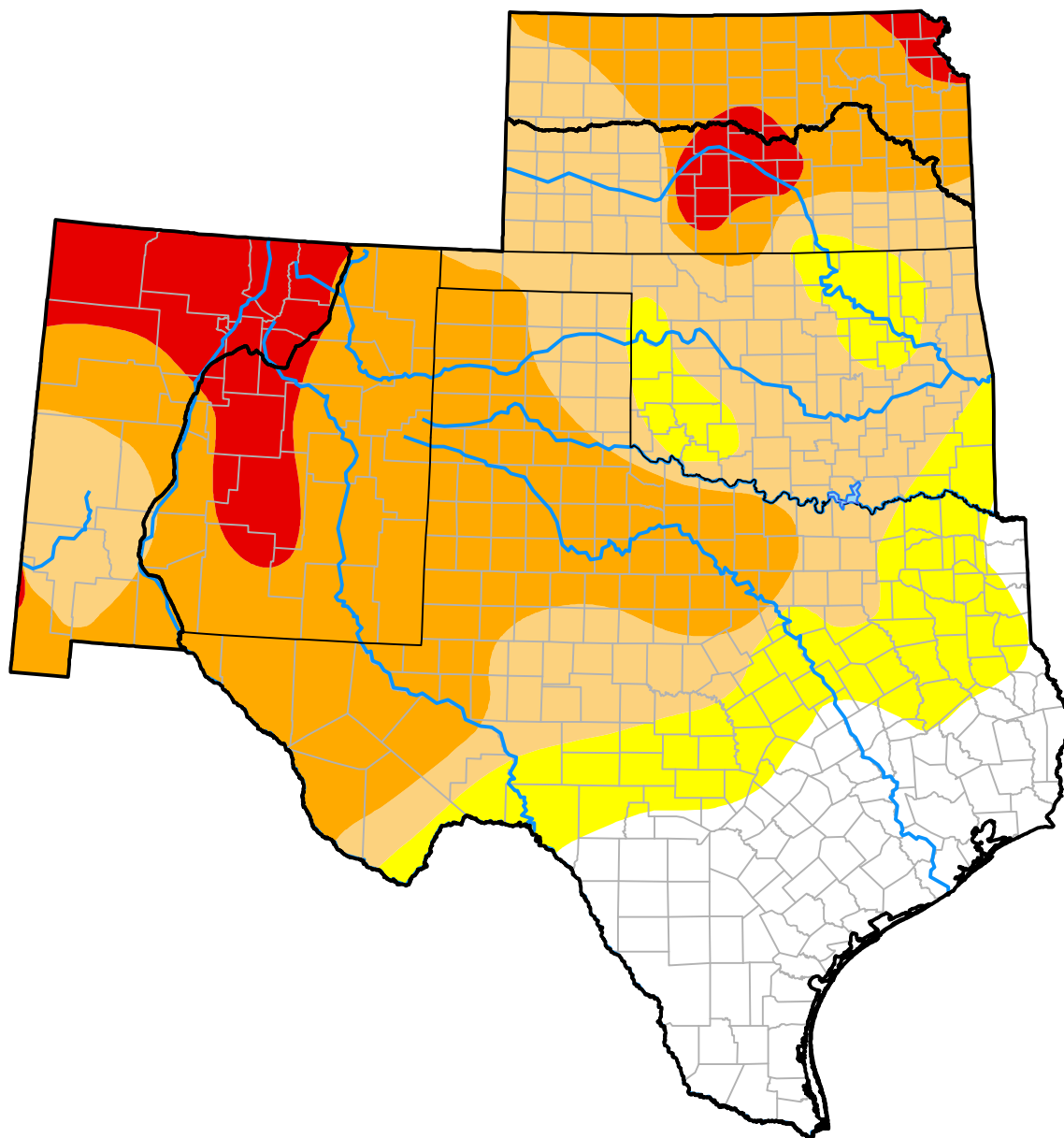


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.23	81.77	66.08	41.93	8.15	0.00
Last Week <i>08-14-2003</i>	16.37	83.63	67.17	39.63	7.48	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2003</i>	2.99	97.01	81.96	35.40	6.19	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	33.03	23.46	4.08	0.82	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	73.56	41.49	10.80	3.14	0.14
One Year Ago <i>08-22-2002</i>	55.33	44.67	32.12	14.30	8.95	3.58

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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