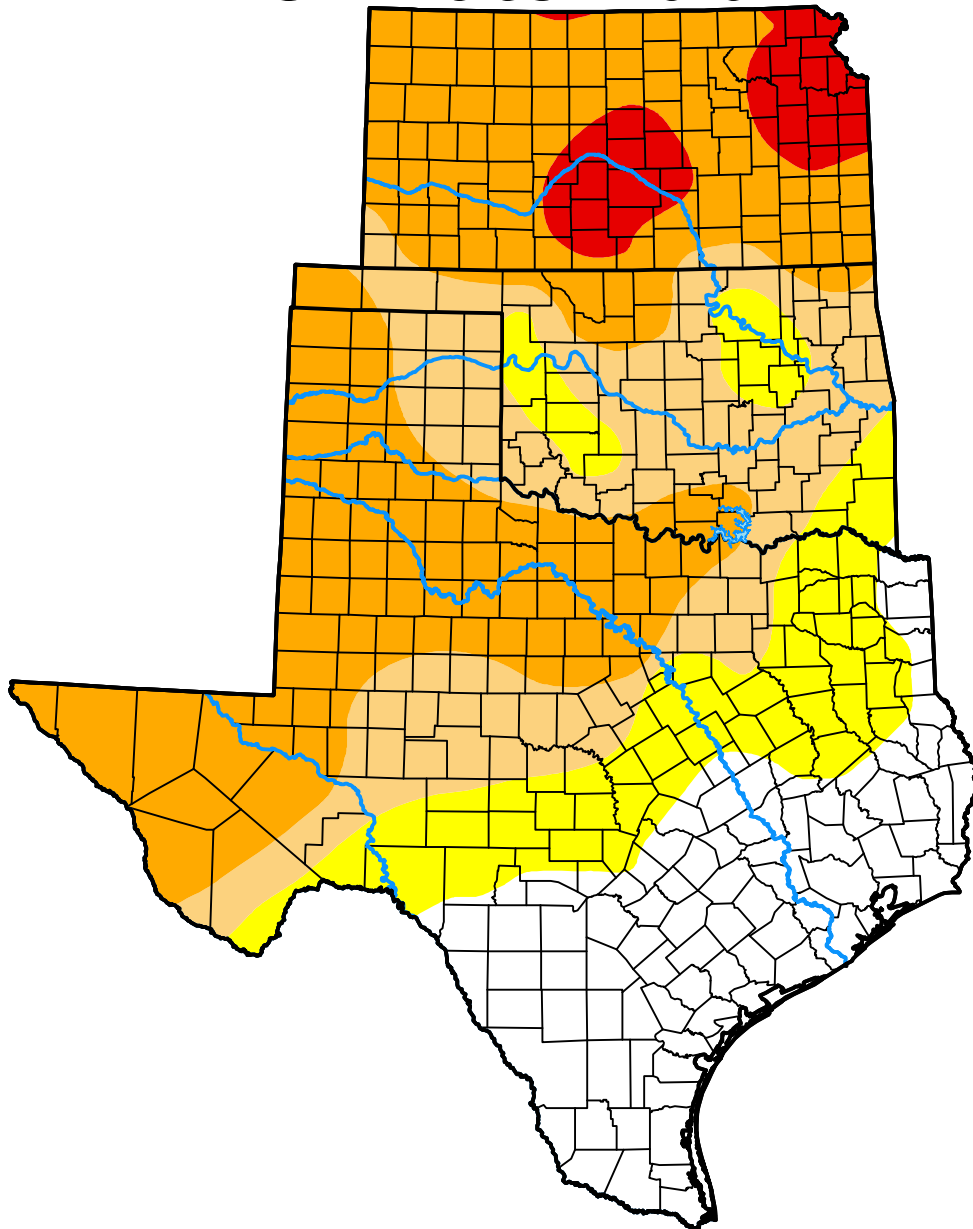


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**August 26, 2003**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 20.41 | 15.45 | 21.32 | 38.00 | 4.81 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-19-2003</i>              | 19.95 | 17.37 | 29.88 | 30.30 | 2.50 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-27-2003</i>           | 12.51 | 28.71 | 45.60 | 13.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 77.20 | 7.32  | 9.18  | 5.74  | 0.57 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 29.52 | 41.28 | 15.06 | 9.88  | 3.28 | 0.98 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-27-2002</i>           | 64.86 | 16.32 | 10.52 | 2.56  | 2.78 | 2.95 |

**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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