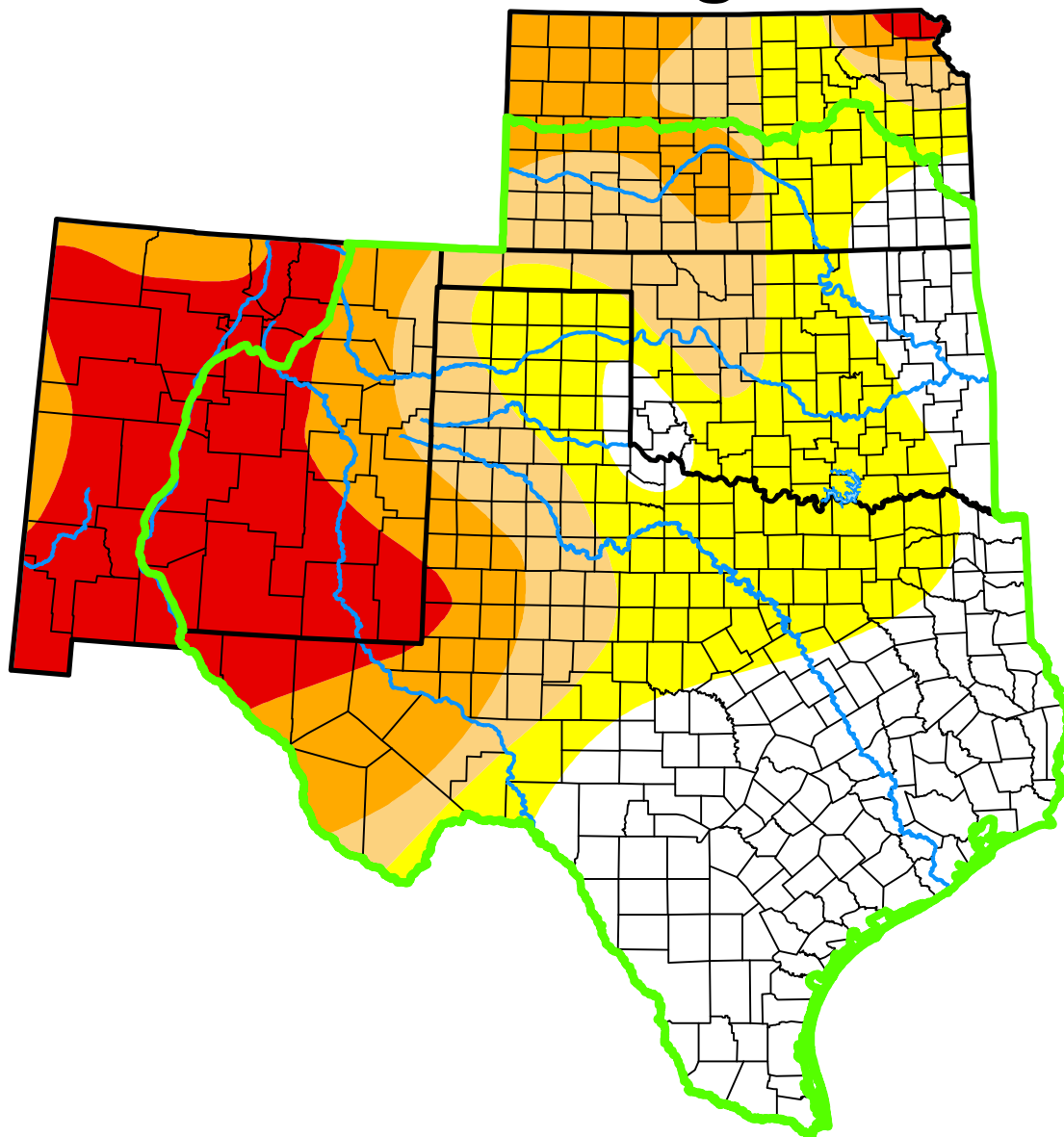


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	34.34	65.66	39.63	24.00	10.93	0.00
Last Week <i>09-09-2003</i>	22.76	77.24	53.54	26.30	5.33	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-17-2003</i>	26.18	73.82	41.52	17.18	1.86	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	75.48	24.52	12.75	1.28	0.12	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	27.99	72.01	33.20	6.49	1.04	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	53.47	46.53	29.16	8.70	0.79	0.05

(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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