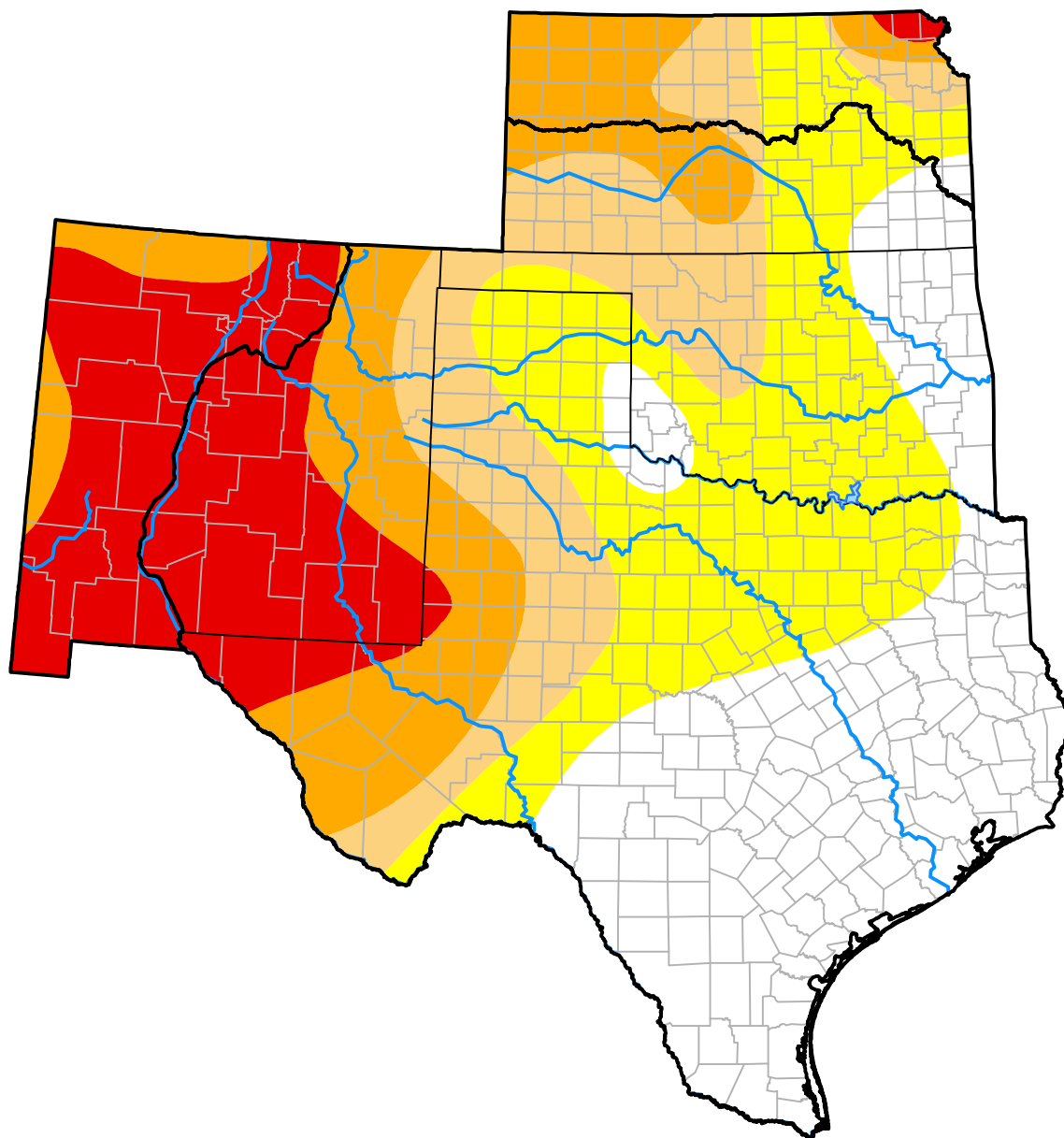


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.86	68.14	45.54	33.82	21.04	0.00
Last Week <i>09-11-2003</i>	21.94	78.06	56.93	33.73	10.71	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2003</i>	16.07	83.93	51.84	23.07	6.72	0.02
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>09-19-2002</i>	46.58	53.42	38.11	15.29	5.99	2.78

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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