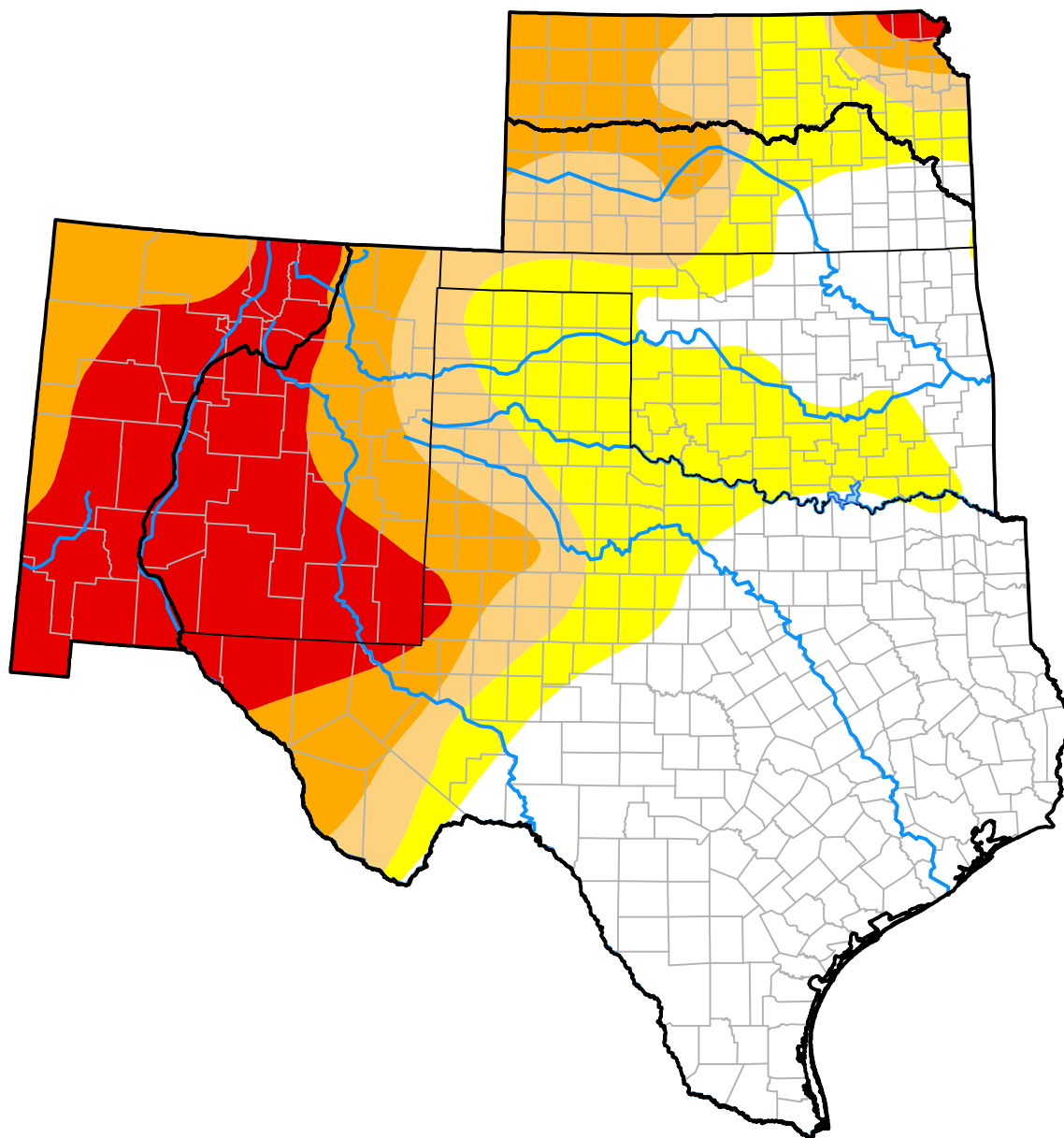


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.83	57.17	39.64	32.10	19.54	0.00
Last Week <i>10-02-2003</i>	37.43	62.57	40.59	32.21	21.07	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-10-2003</i>	50.56	49.44	32.65	19.20	6.73	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>10-02-2003</i>	37.43	62.57	40.59	32.21	21.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-10-2002</i>	32.00	68.00	39.71	10.03	3.41	0.02

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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