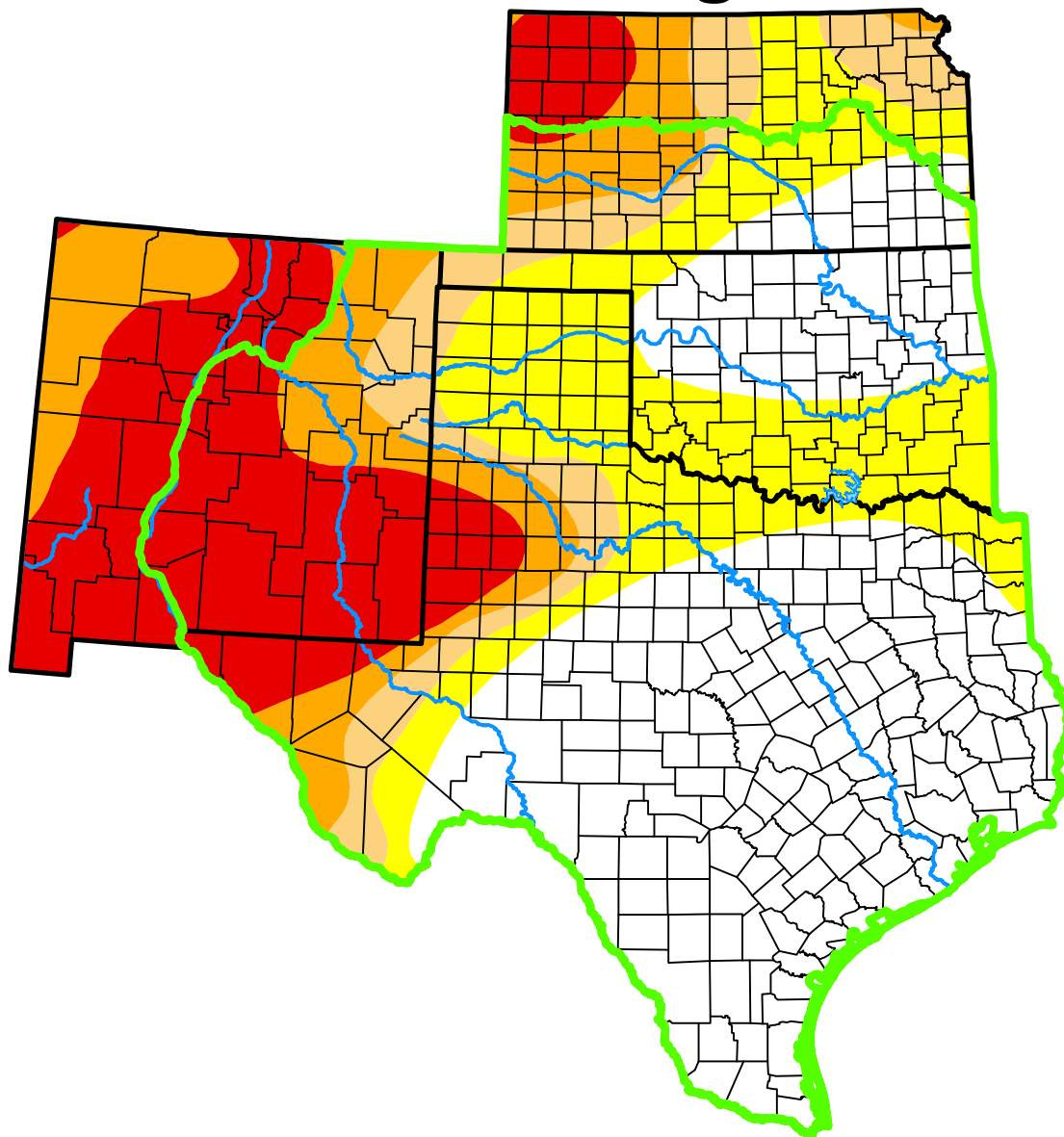


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	48.51	51.49	29.74	22.35	13.17	0.00
Last Week <i>10-07-2003</i>	46.86	53.14	32.82	21.57	10.98	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-15-2003</i>	24.43	75.57	20.71	14.83	1.73	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>09-30-2003</i>	39.82	60.18	34.64	22.29	10.89	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-15-2002</i>	49.33	50.67	30.33	5.20	0.36	0.00

(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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