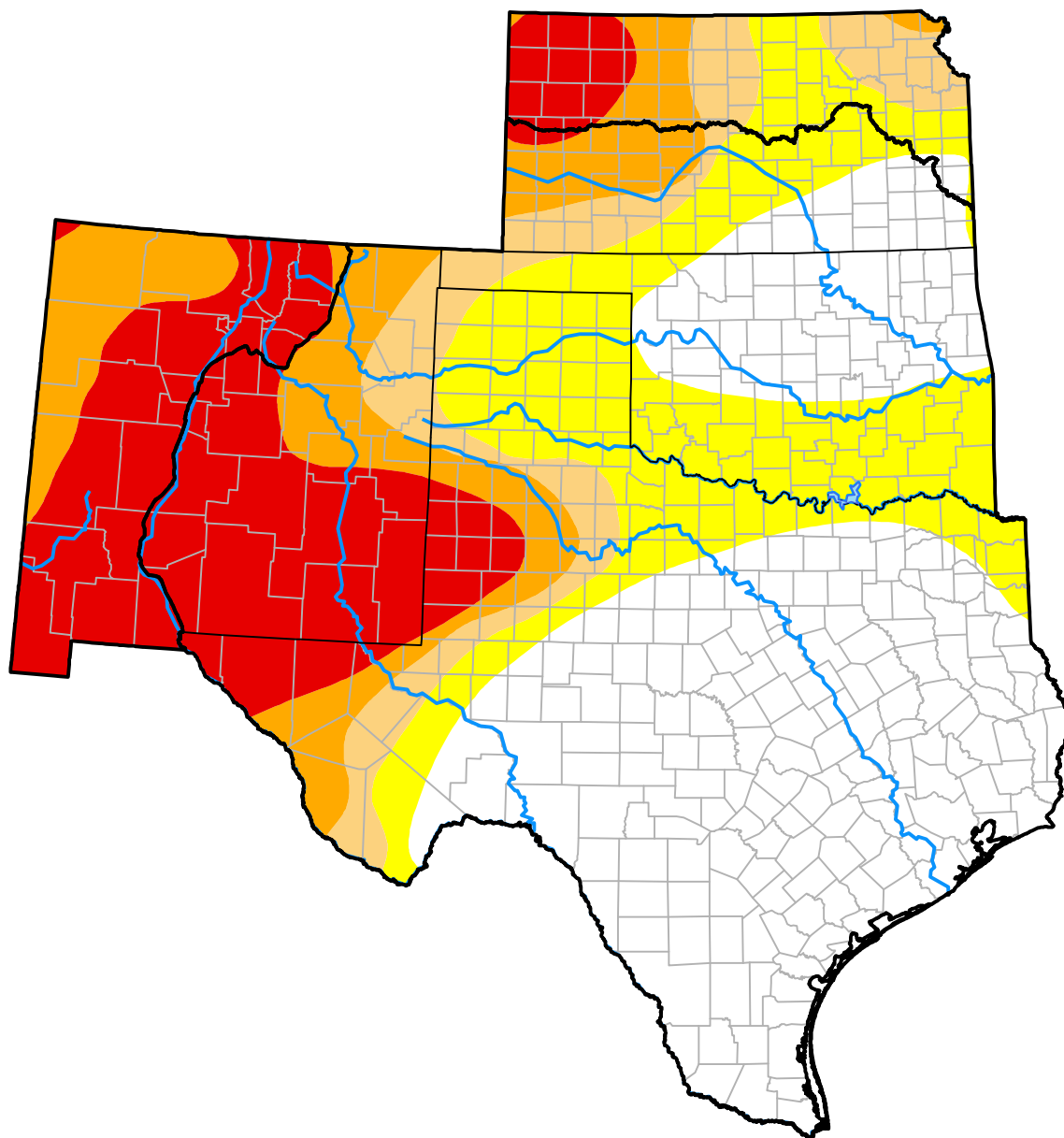


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	44.16	55.84	37.64	31.98	21.47	0.00
Last Week <i>10-09-2003</i>	42.83	57.17	39.64	32.10	19.54	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2003</i>	23.55	76.45	32.75	22.07	6.90	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>10-17-2002</i>	44.17	55.83	38.53	10.00	3.45	0.00

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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