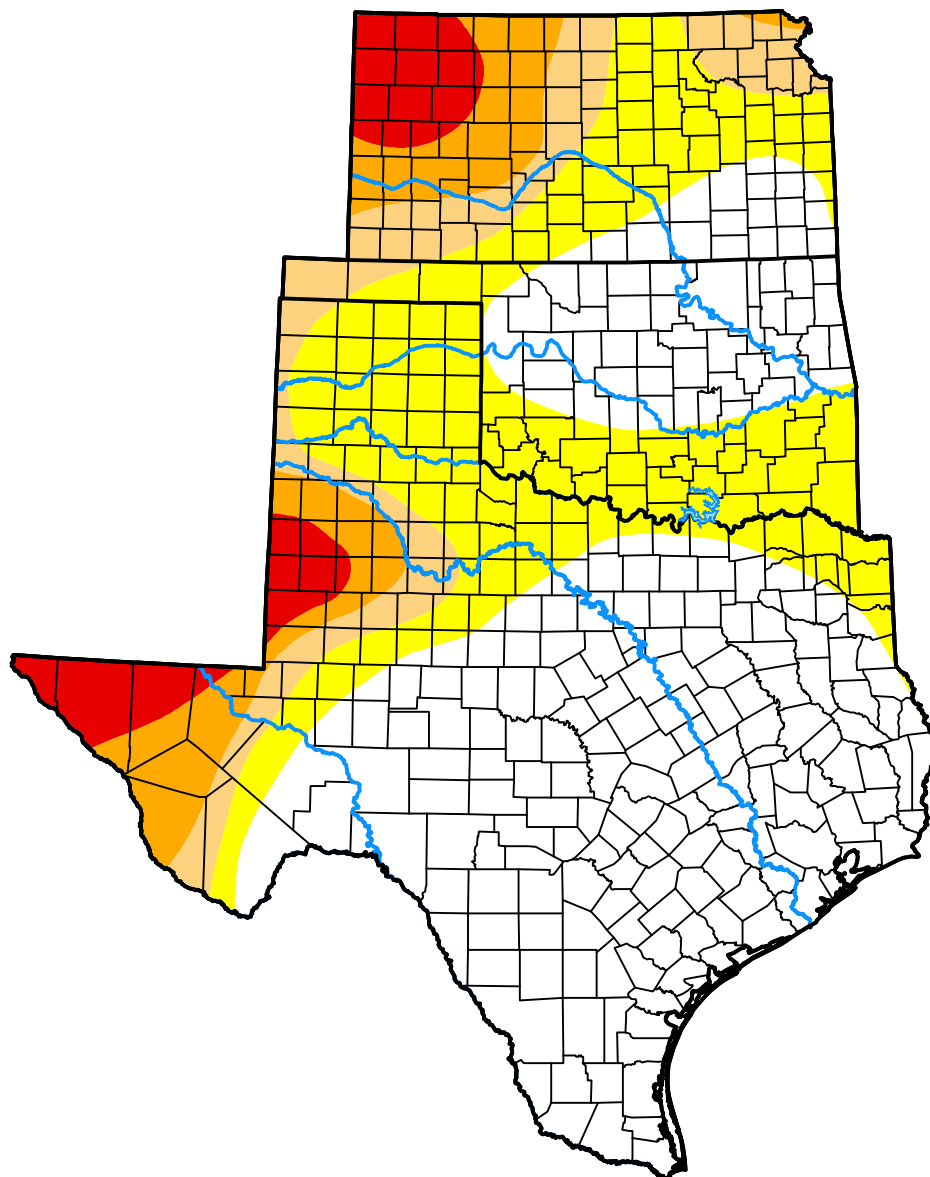


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

**October 21, 2003**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Intensity:



*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>*

### Author:

Richard Heim  
NCEI/NOAA



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)