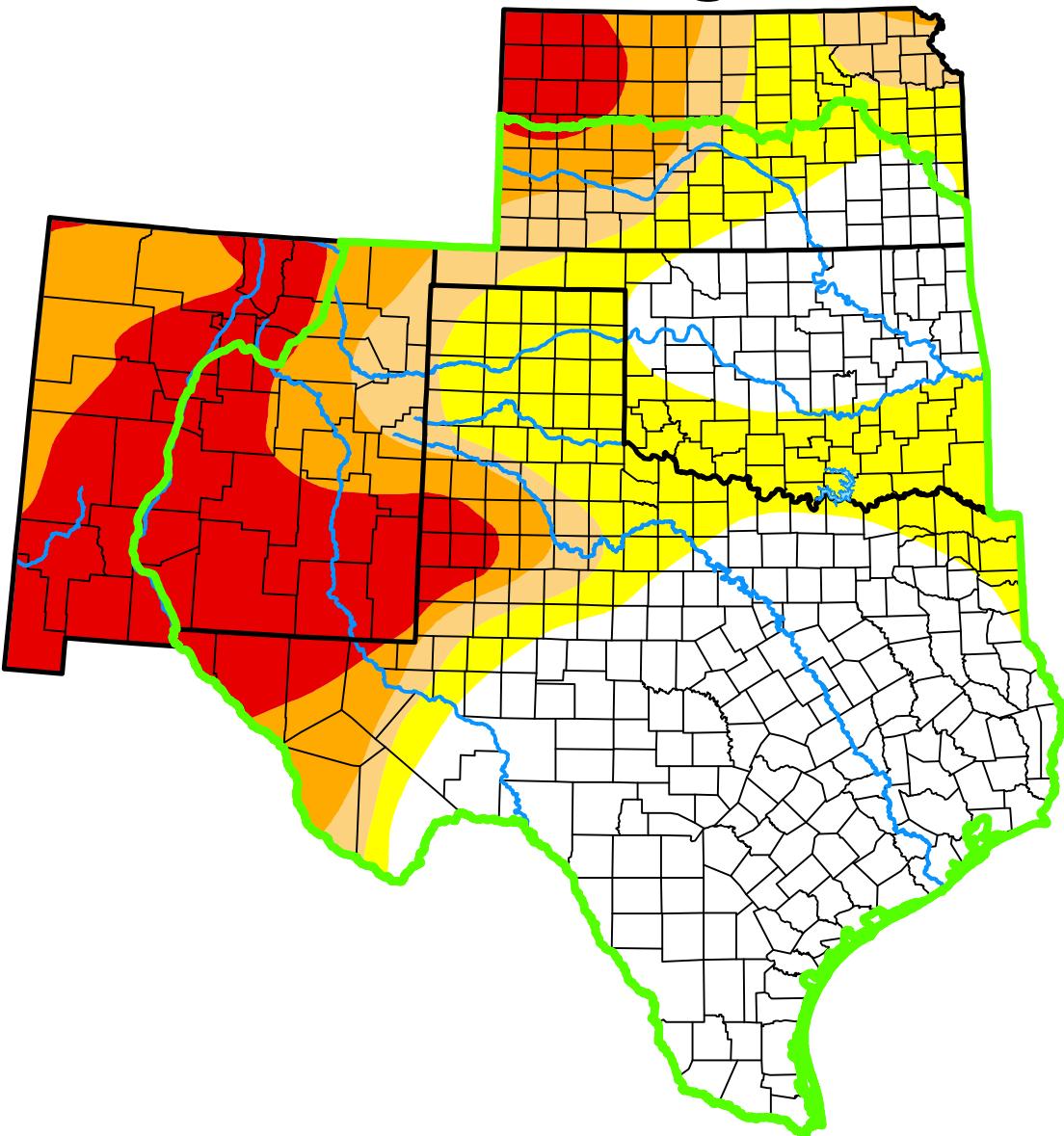


U.S. Drought Monitor
**Southern Plains DEWS
and Surrounding Areas**



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	49.17	50.83	29.05	21.38	11.91	0.00
Last Week 10-14-2003	48.51	51.49	29.74	22.35	13.17	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-22-2003	27.15	72.85	39.58	14.16	1.79	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	75.48	24.52	12.75	1.28	0.12	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2003	39.82	60.18	34.64	22.29	10.89	0.00
One Year Ago 10-22-2002	50.03	49.97	29.25	5.18	0.35	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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