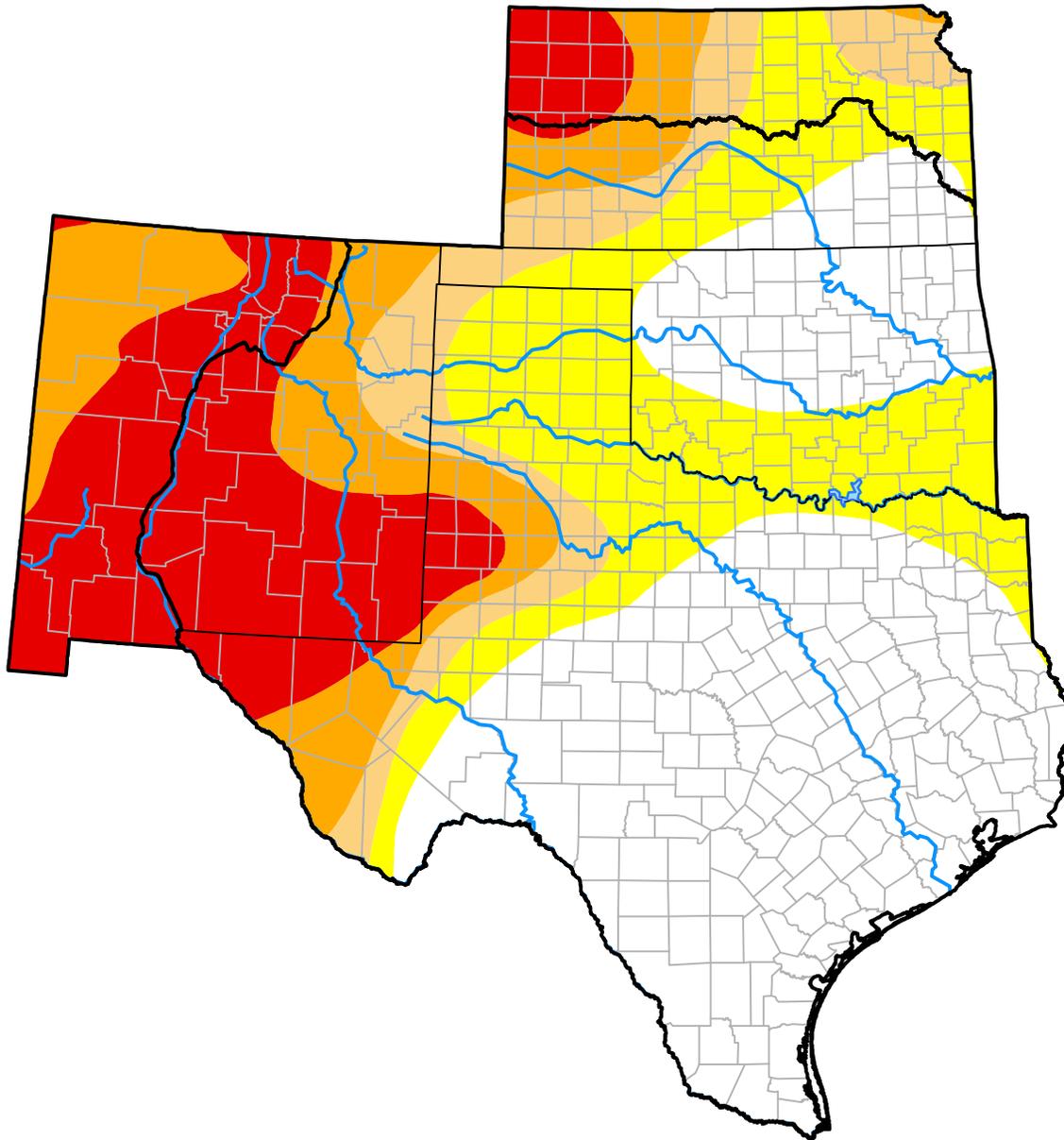


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**October 21, 2003**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	44.75	55.25	37.13	31.52	19.82	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-16-2003</i>	44.16	55.84	37.64	31.98	21.47	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-24-2003</i>	26.16	73.84	43.89	21.75	6.91	0.02
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	33.03	23.46	4.08	0.82	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	37.43	62.57	40.59	32.21	21.07	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-24-2002</i>	45.06	54.94	37.53	10.26	3.56	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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