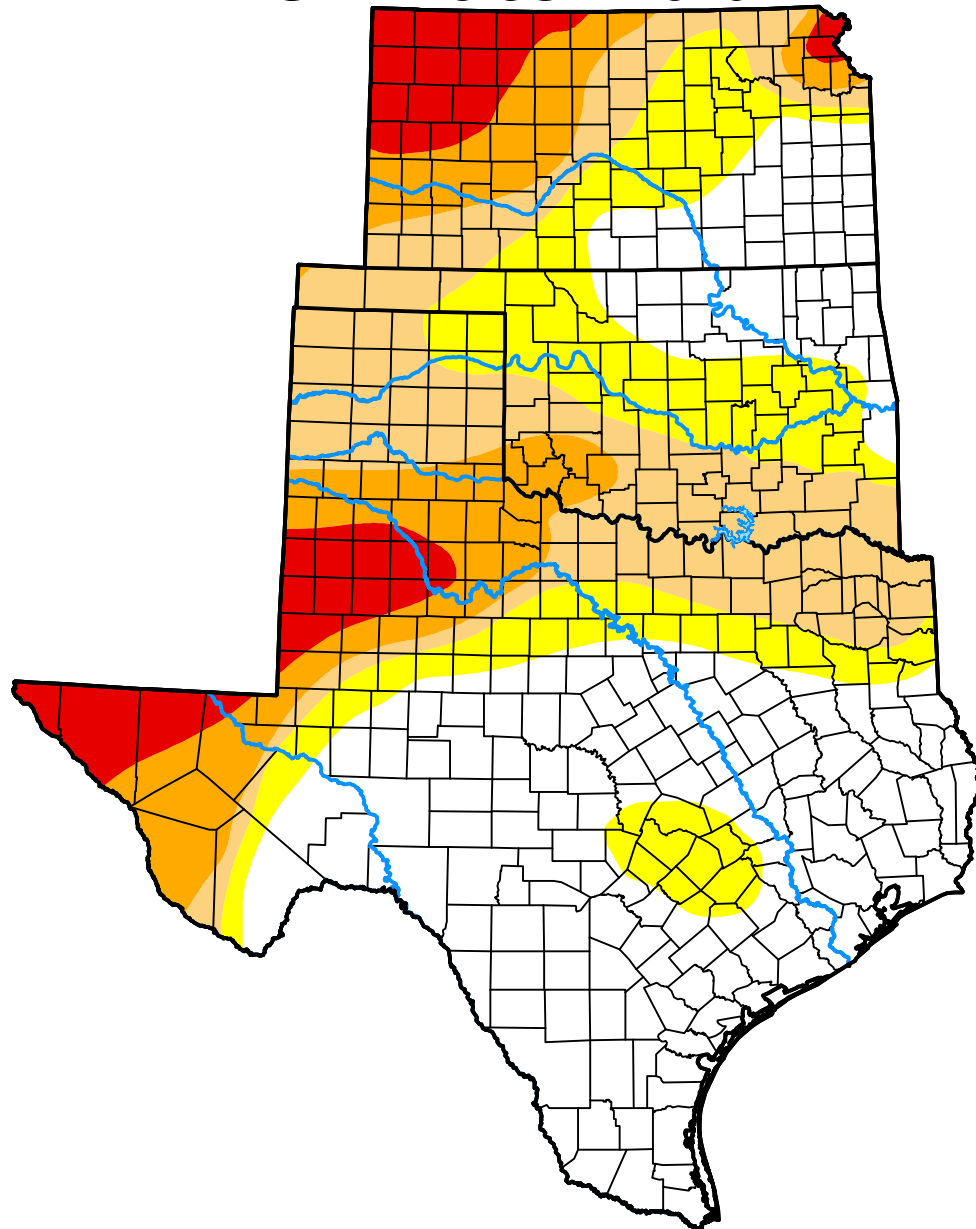


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	42.38	18.35	19.60	11.87	7.79	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	40.38	19.52	20.16	12.12	7.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	36.48	30.18	17.76	13.30	2.28	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	77.20	7.32	9.18	5.74	0.57	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	42.24	29.68	14.38	11.56	2.15	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	76.14	8.12	9.98	5.35	0.40	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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