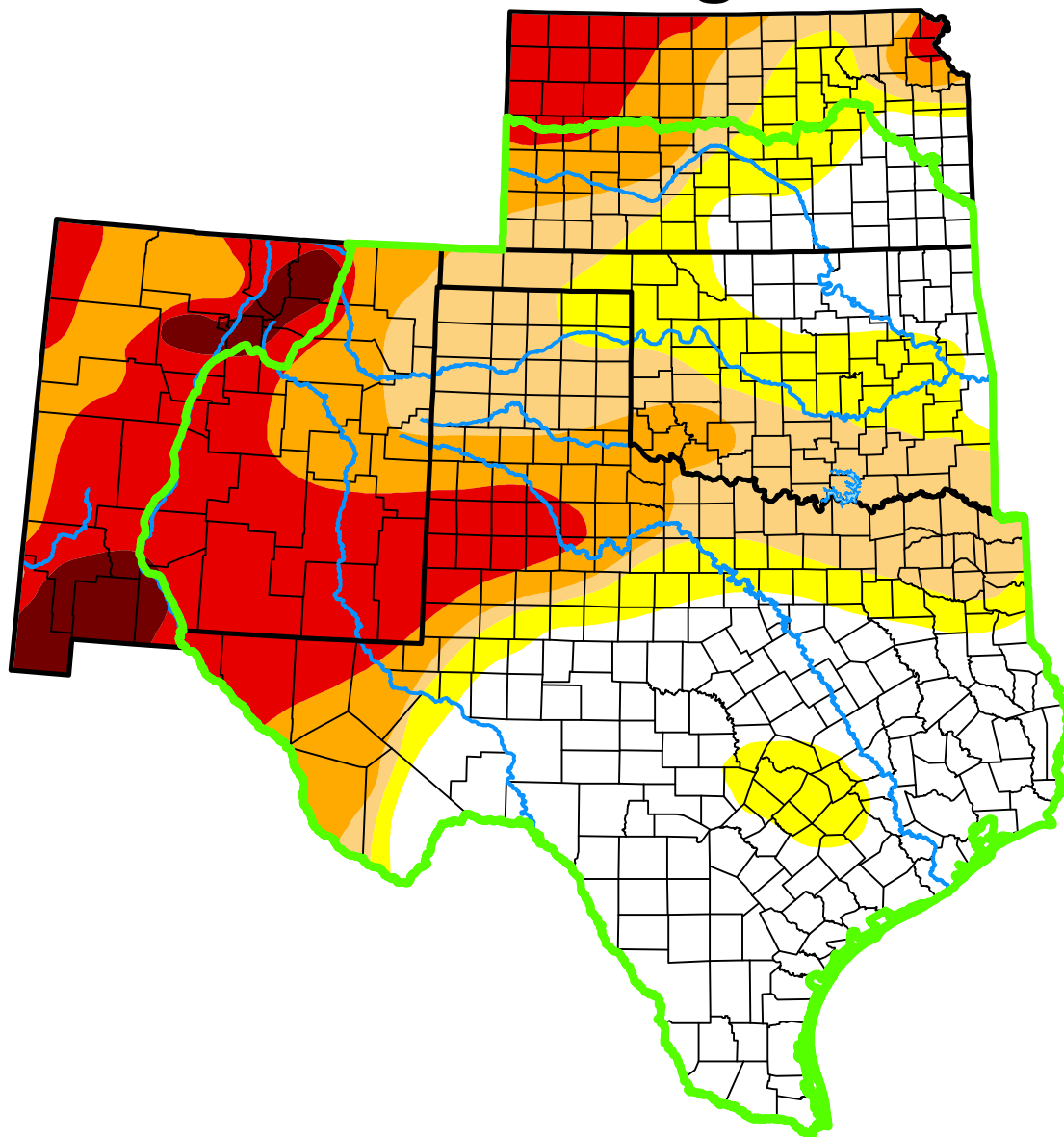


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	39.40	15.71	17.76	13.68	13.37	0.09
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	37.86	16.87	18.39	13.53	13.23	0.12
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	34.34	26.03	15.62	13.07	10.93	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	75.48	11.78	11.47	1.16	0.12	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	39.82	25.54	12.35	11.40	10.89	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	73.75	11.40	13.56	1.17	0.12	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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