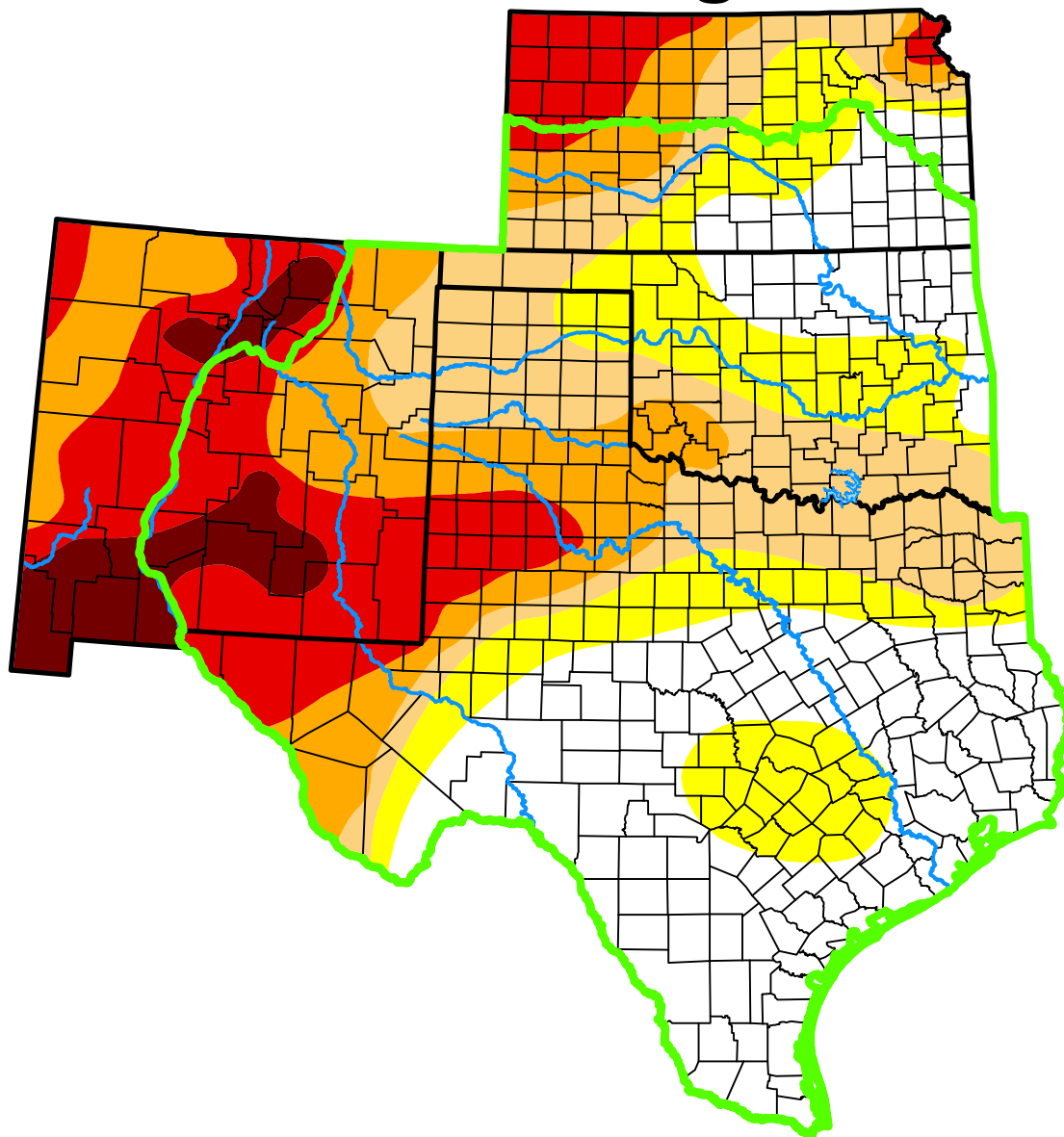


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.92	18.68	18.45	13.39	11.38	2.18
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	39.40	15.71	17.76	13.68	13.37	0.09
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	33.97	26.32	15.87	12.82	11.02	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>12-24-2002</i>	73.87	11.64	13.27	1.10	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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