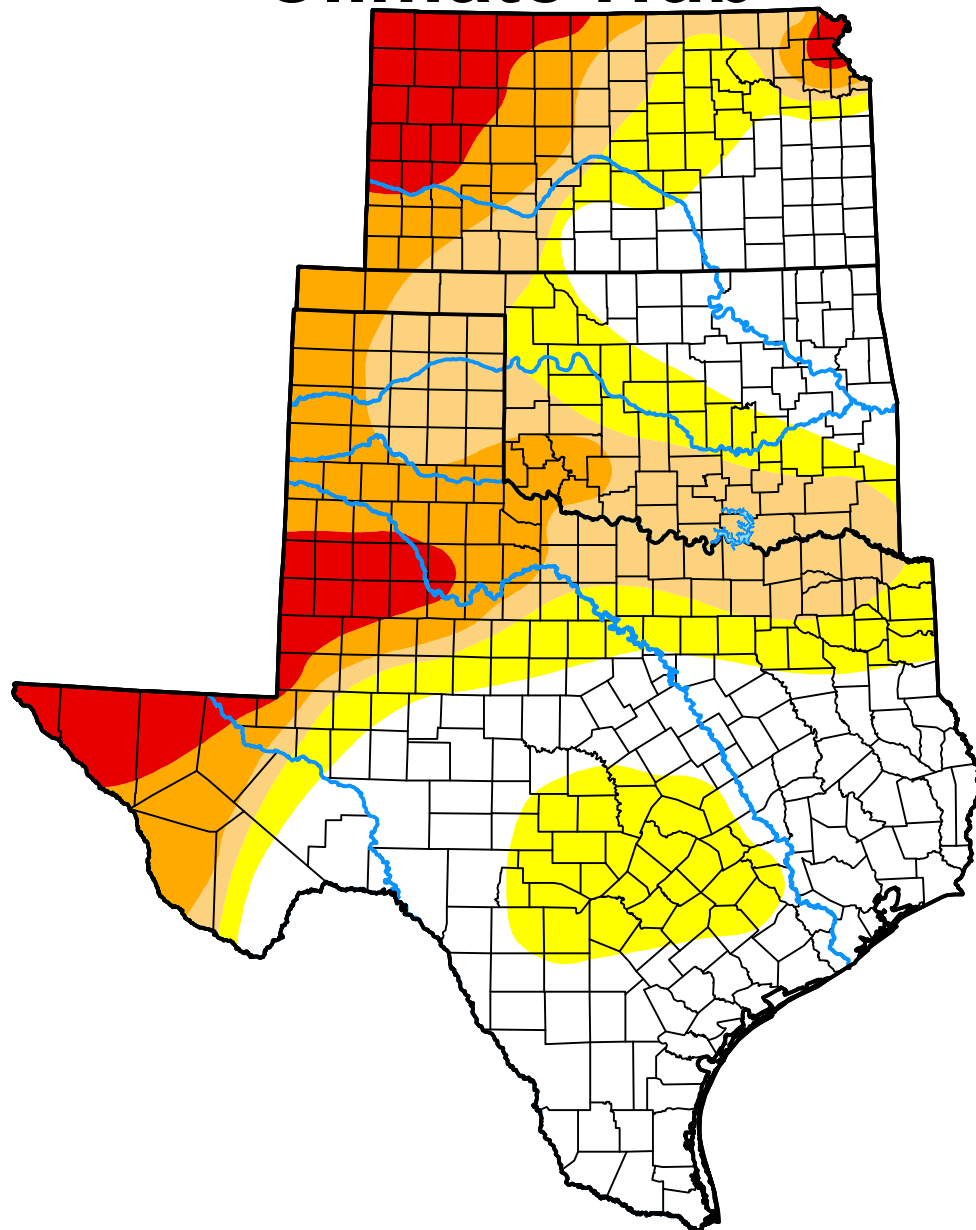


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**December 30, 2003**  
*(Released Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 39.59 | 60.41 | 39.64 | 23.10 | 8.72  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-23-2003</i>              | 38.76 | 61.24 | 39.80 | 19.57 | 8.12  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>           | 42.24 | 57.76 | 28.09 | 13.71 | 2.15  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 77.20 | 22.80 | 15.49 | 6.31  | 0.57  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 42.24 | 57.76 | 28.09 | 13.71 | 2.15  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i>           | 77.20 | 22.80 | 15.49 | 6.31  | 0.57  | 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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