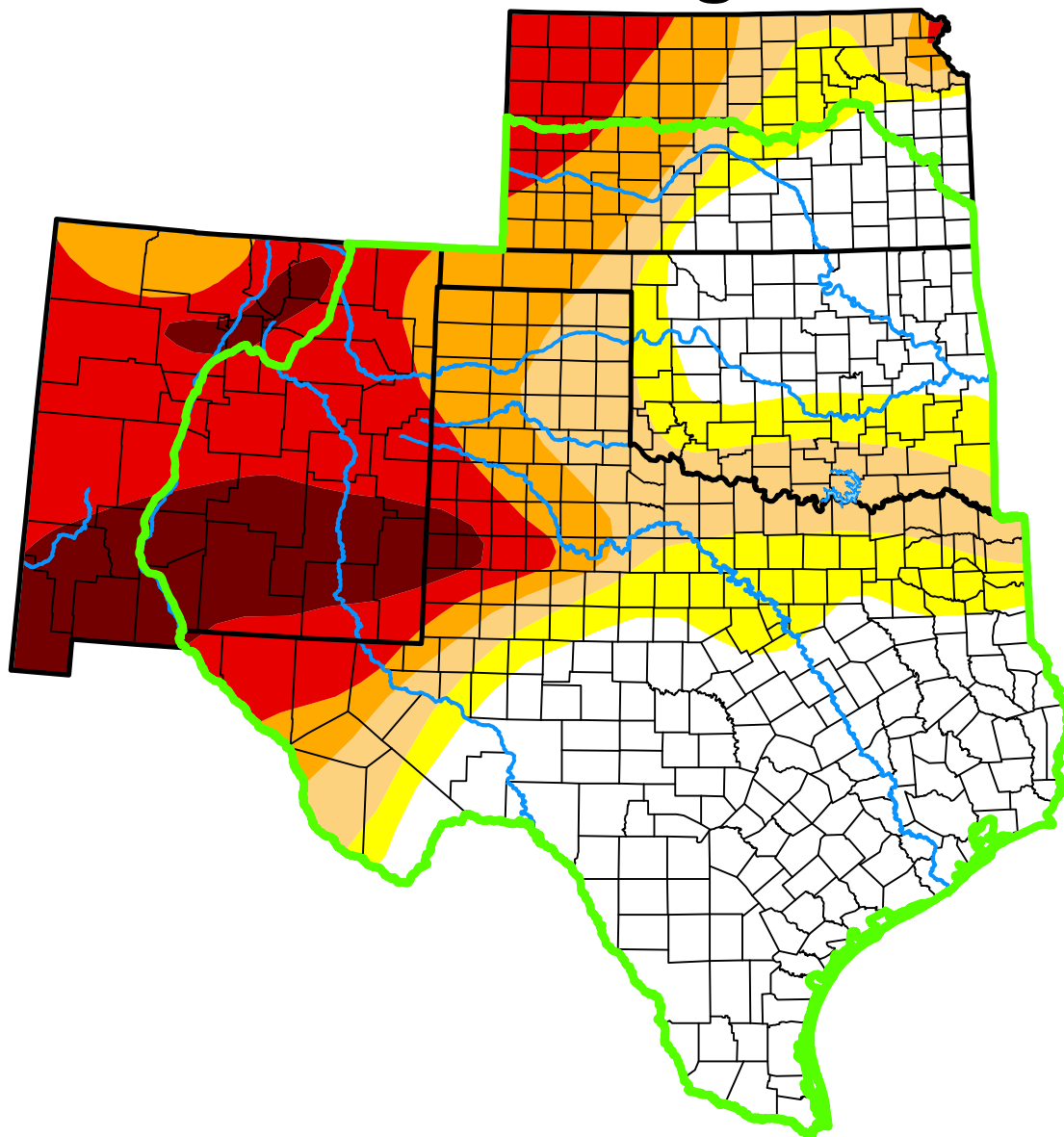


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



February 17, 2004

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	44.66	55.34	42.81	29.37	18.88	6.32
Last Week <i>02-10-2004</i>	44.42	55.58	42.70	28.92	18.86	6.32
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2003</i>	38.66	61.34	44.05	24.41	13.30	0.04
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	36.64	63.36	45.50	31.67	15.39	2.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	39.82	60.18	34.64	22.29	10.89	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-18-2003</i>	72.46	27.54	12.63	1.42	0.08	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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