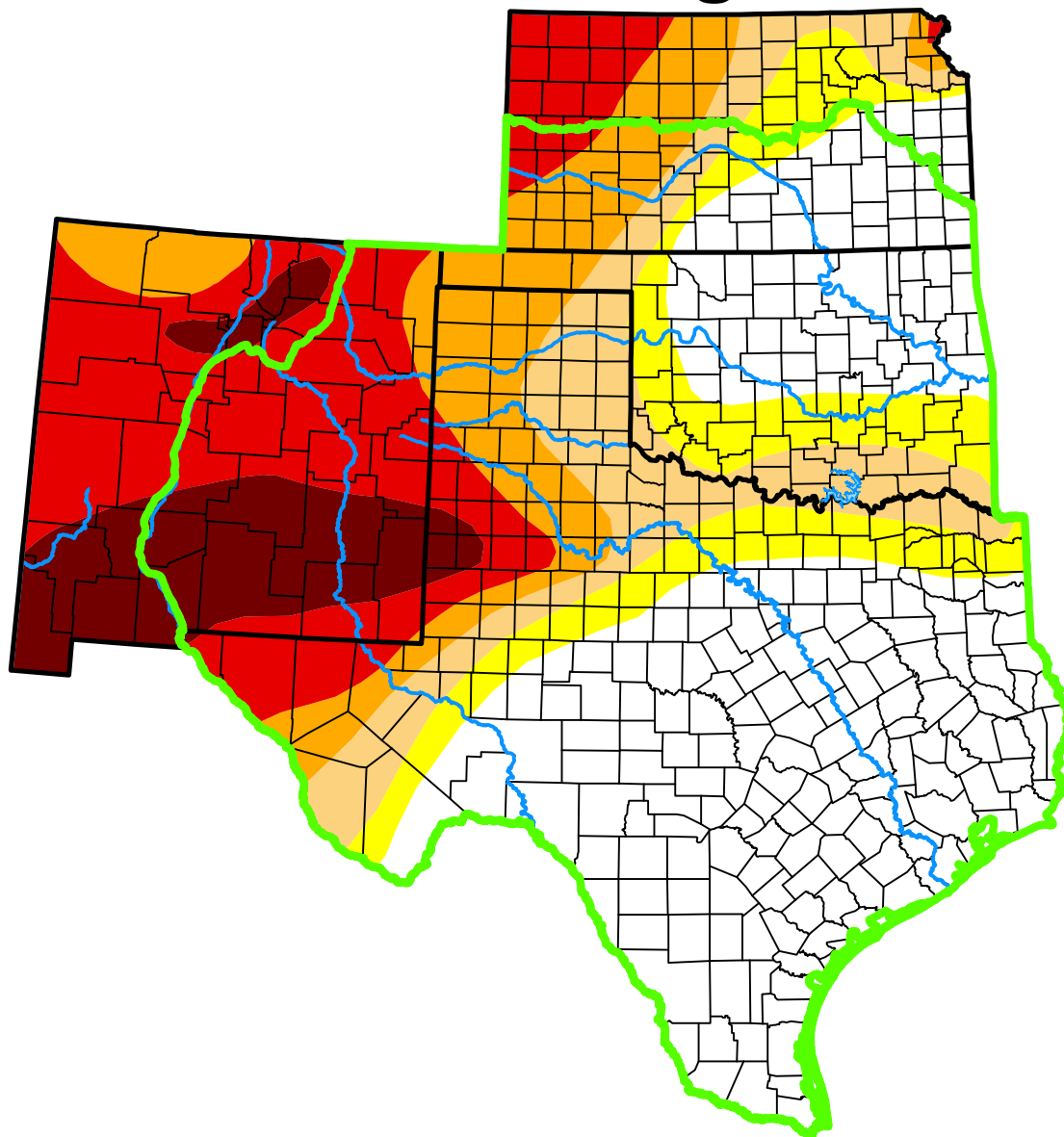


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.06	51.94	41.15	29.37	18.88	6.32
Last Week <i>02-17-2004</i>	44.66	55.34	42.81	29.37	18.88	6.32
3 Months Ago <i>11-25-2003</i>	39.12	60.88	44.32	24.47	13.55	0.07
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>02-25-2003</i>	77.98	22.02	8.78	1.04	0.10	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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