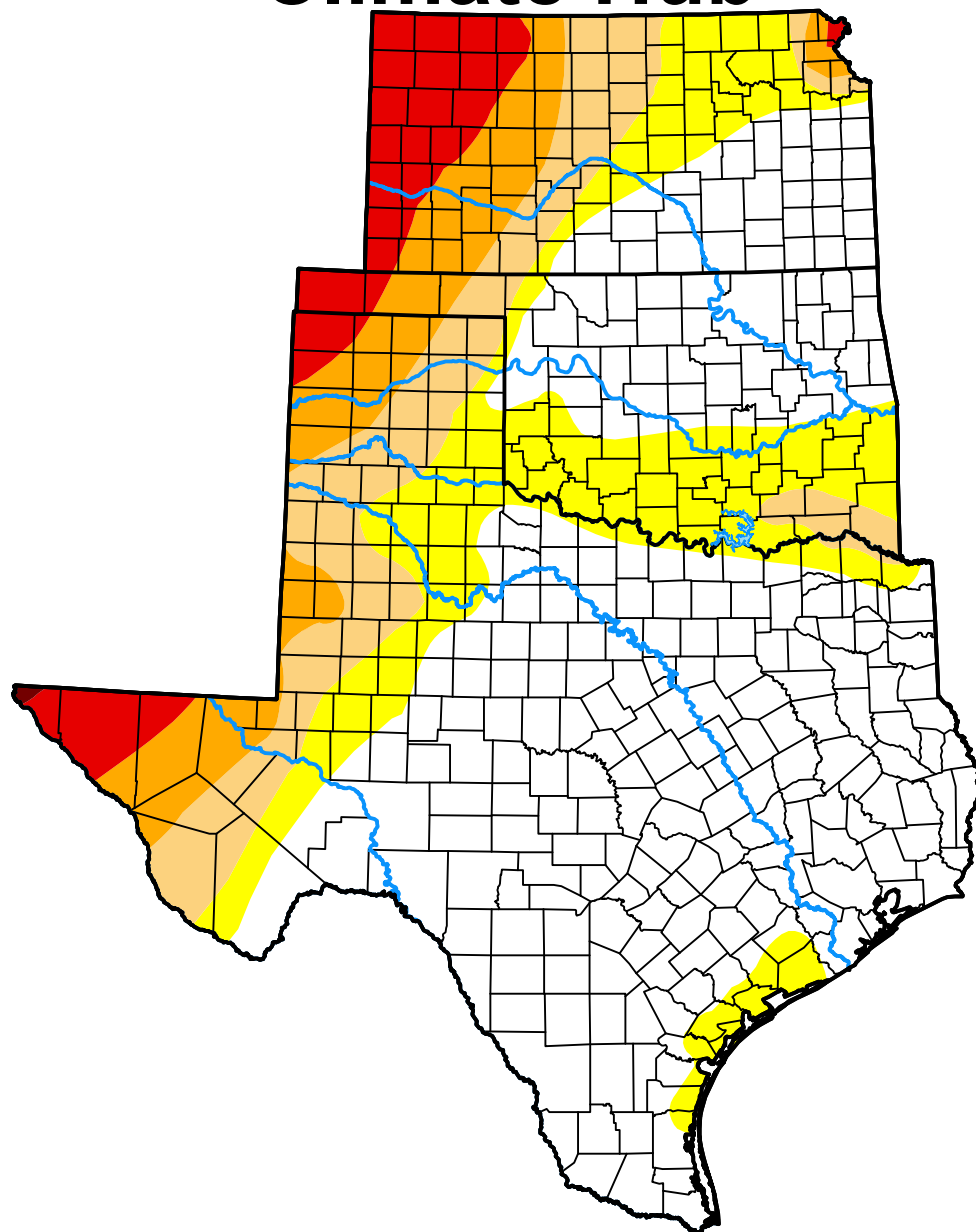


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**March 2, 2004**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 56.58 | 43.42 | 25.84 | 14.47 | 6.43  | 0.06 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-24-2004</i>              | 51.79 | 48.21 | 34.98 | 20.54 | 8.20  | 0.62 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-02-2003</i>           | 42.87 | 57.13 | 38.36 | 18.38 | 7.49  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 39.59 | 60.41 | 39.64 | 23.10 | 8.72  | 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>03-04-2003</i>           | 80.33 | 19.67 | 11.35 | 6.88  | 1.42  | 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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