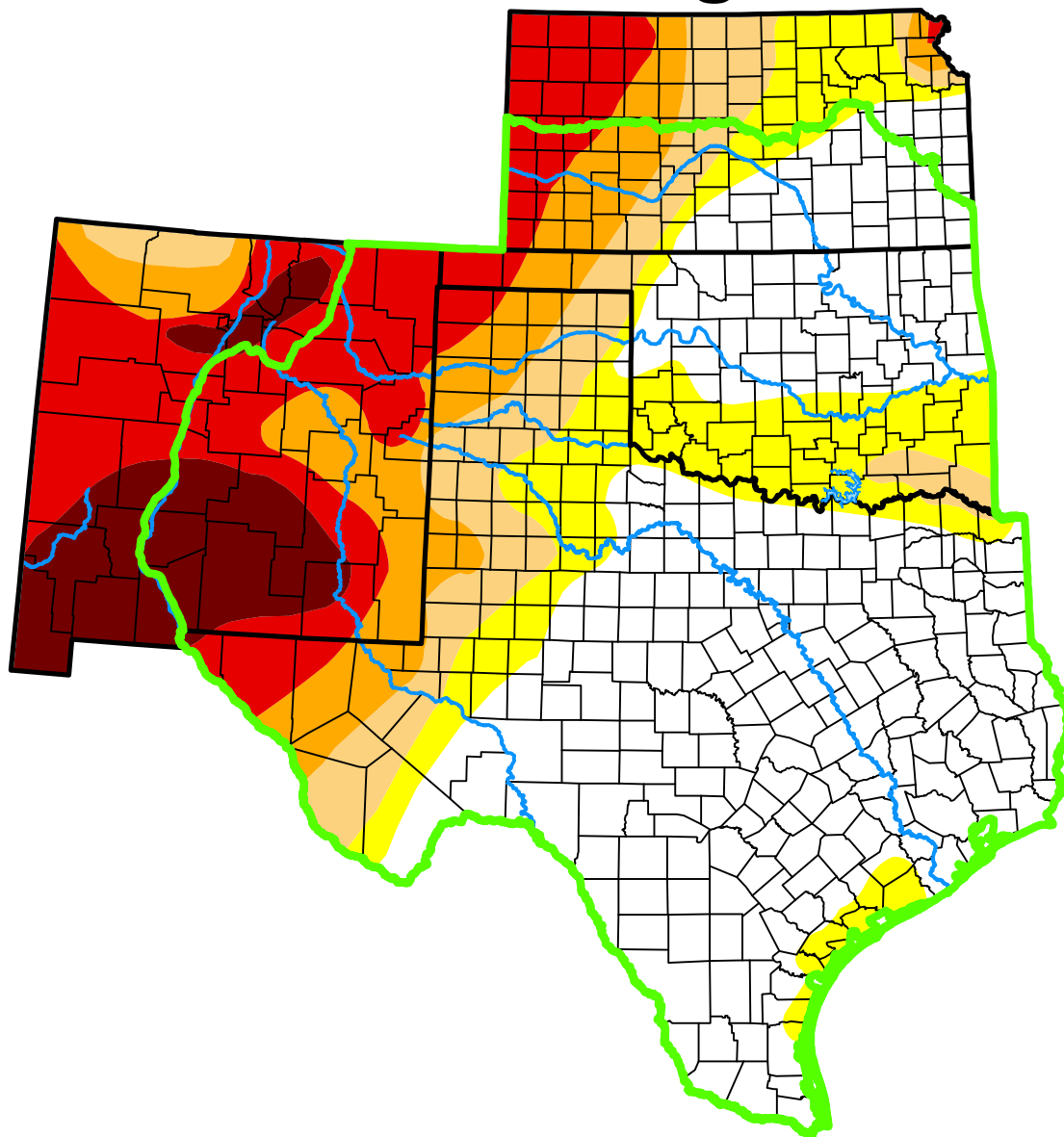


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



March 2, 2004

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.59	14.09	9.01	9.76	10.19	4.37
Last Week <i>02-24-2004</i>	48.06	10.79	11.78	10.49	12.56	6.32
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2003</i>	40.38	15.97	18.50	12.29	12.83	0.02
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	36.64	17.86	13.83	16.29	13.28	2.11
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>03-04-2003</i>	78.01	13.39	7.47	1.07	0.06	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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