

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**March 16, 2004**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 54.17 | 11.38 | 4.61  | 7.35  | 14.31 | 8.18 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-11-2004</i>              | 53.06 | 10.00 | 5.45  | 8.99  | 14.31 | 8.18 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2003</i>           | 34.67 | 12.94 | 15.46 | 14.99 | 18.48 | 3.45 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2003</i> | 31.46 | 15.80 | 12.03 | 15.20 | 19.42 | 6.09 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2003</i>    | 37.43 | 21.98 | 8.39  | 11.13 | 21.07 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-20-2003</i>           | 52.49 | 27.77 | 15.34 | 3.00  | 1.40  | 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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