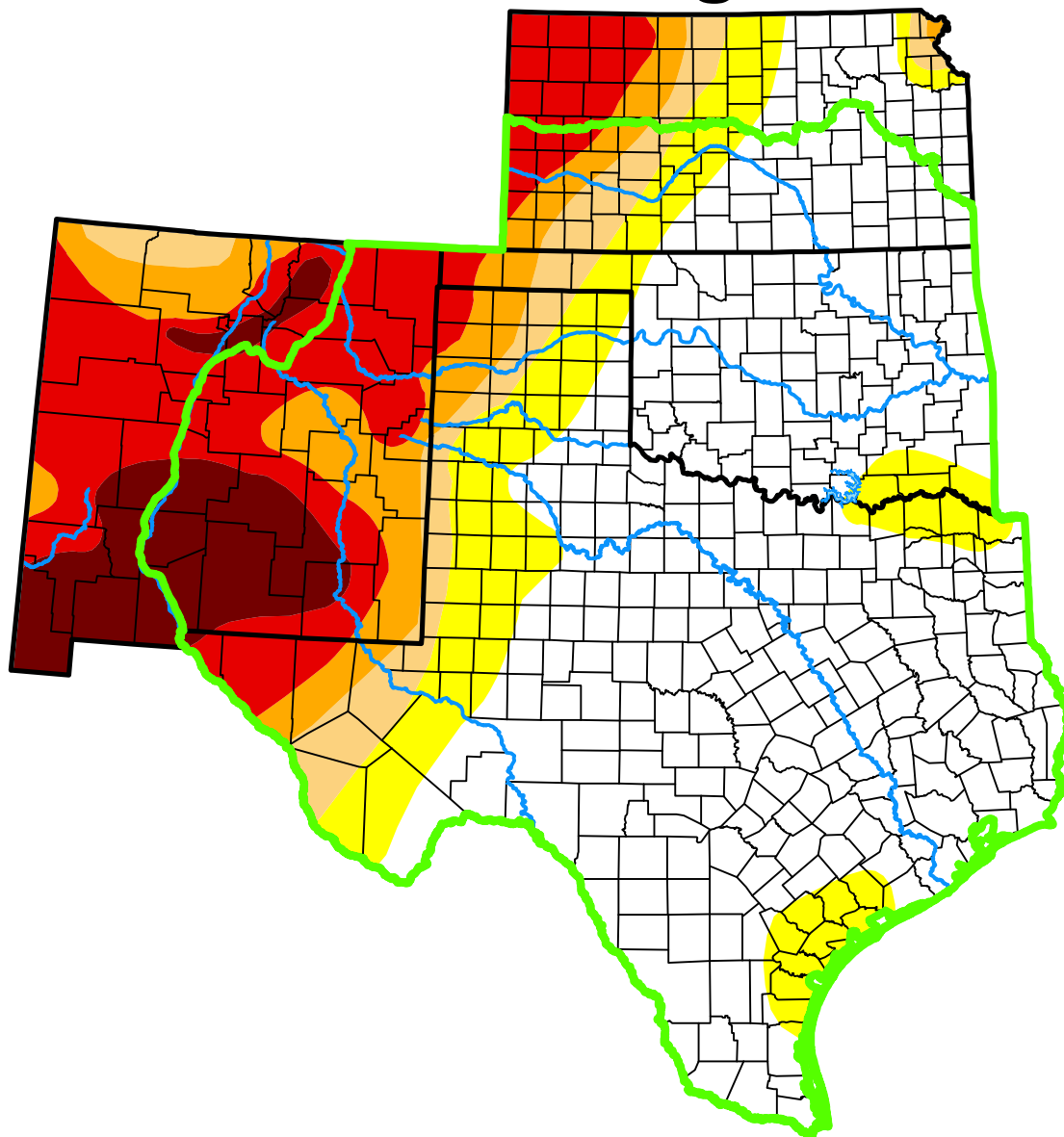


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	61.39	38.61	25.51	20.30	13.75	4.37
Last Week <i>03-09-2004</i>	60.25	39.75	28.08	22.00	13.75	4.37
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	39.40	60.60	44.89	27.14	13.46	0.09
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>03-18-2003</i>	56.37	43.63	8.82	1.07	0.05	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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