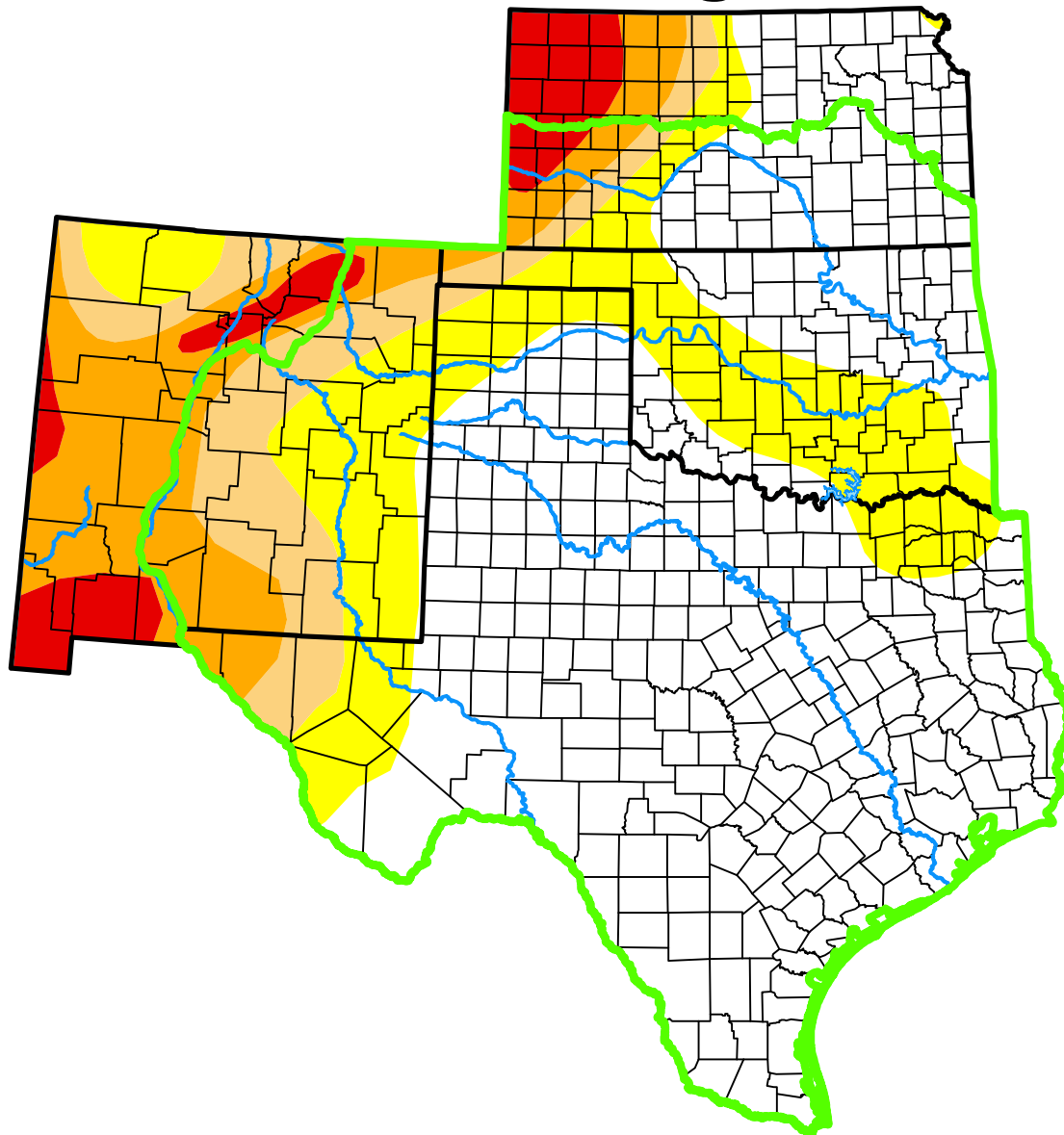


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.31	19.94	7.63	5.32	0.80	0.00
Last Week <i>05-11-2004</i>	69.51	16.74	7.63	5.32	0.80	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2004</i>	44.66	12.53	13.44	10.49	12.56	6.32
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>05-20-2003</i>	9.97	16.99	43.13	29.01	0.91	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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