

U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas






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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	70.96	11.77	4.83	10.71	1.74	0.00
Last Week <i>09-28-2004</i>	77.29	5.58	4.69	10.71	1.74	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-06-2004</i>	58.20	16.47	12.57	10.38	2.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	30.66	16.09	12.81	15.80	19.49	5.16
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	77.29	5.58	4.69	10.71	1.74	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-07-2003</i>	38.45	18.70	11.12	14.95	16.77	0.00

Intensity:

-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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