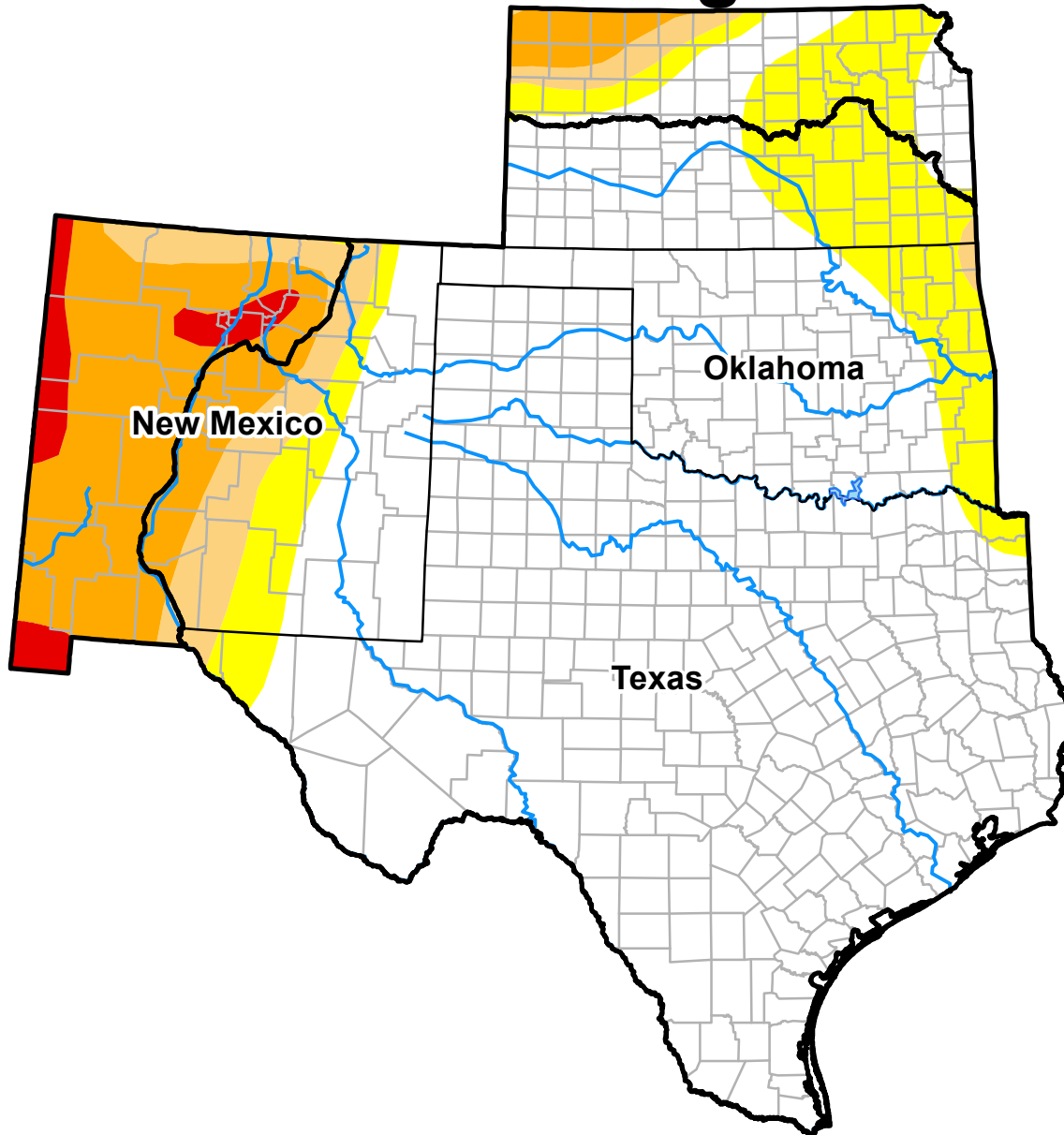


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

**October 5, 2004**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	70.96	29.04	17.27	12.44	1.74	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	77.29	22.71	17.13	12.44	1.74	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-06-2004</i>	58.20	41.80	25.34	12.77	2.39	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	30.66	69.34	53.26	40.45	24.65	5.16
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	77.29	22.71	17.13	12.44	1.74	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-07-2003</i>	38.45	61.55	42.84	31.73	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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