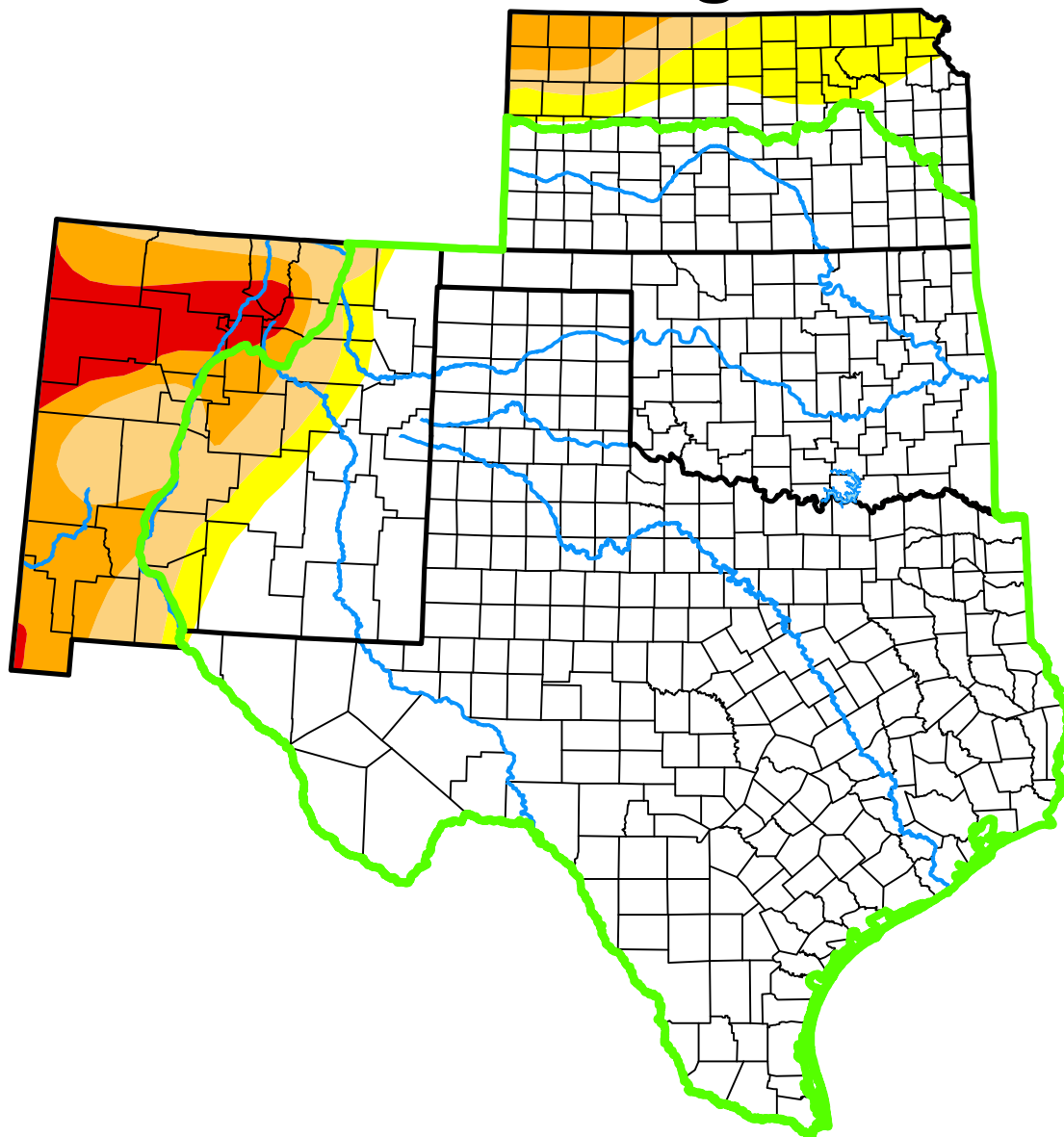


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS

### and Surrounding Areas



**December 21, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 94.03 | 5.97  | 3.73  | 0.86  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-14-2004</i>              | 94.03 | 5.97  | 3.73  | 0.86  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-21-2004</i>           | 83.03 | 16.97 | 5.78  | 2.22  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 36.64 | 63.36 | 45.50 | 31.67 | 15.39 | 2.11 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 88.77 | 11.23 | 5.50  | 2.22  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-23-2003</i>           | 35.92 | 64.08 | 45.40 | 26.95 | 13.57 | 2.18 |

(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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