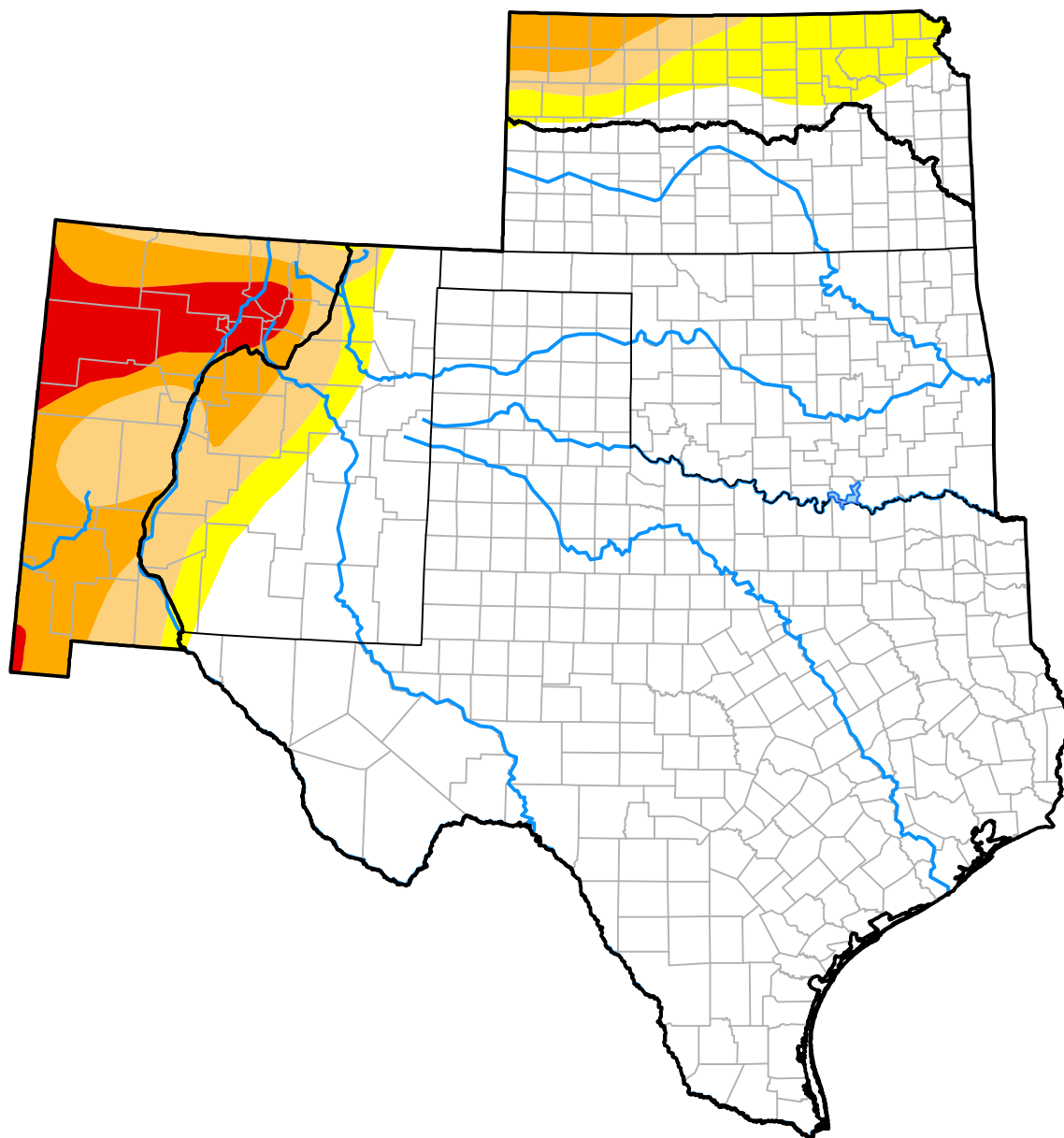


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	81.49	18.51	16.25	9.88	3.44	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2004</i>	81.49	18.51	16.25	9.88	3.44	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2004</i>	75.32	24.68	18.34	13.46	2.05	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	31.46	68.54	52.74	40.71	25.50	6.09
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	76.41	23.59	18.07	13.46	2.05	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2003</i>	31.13	68.87	52.97	36.83	21.81	5.94

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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