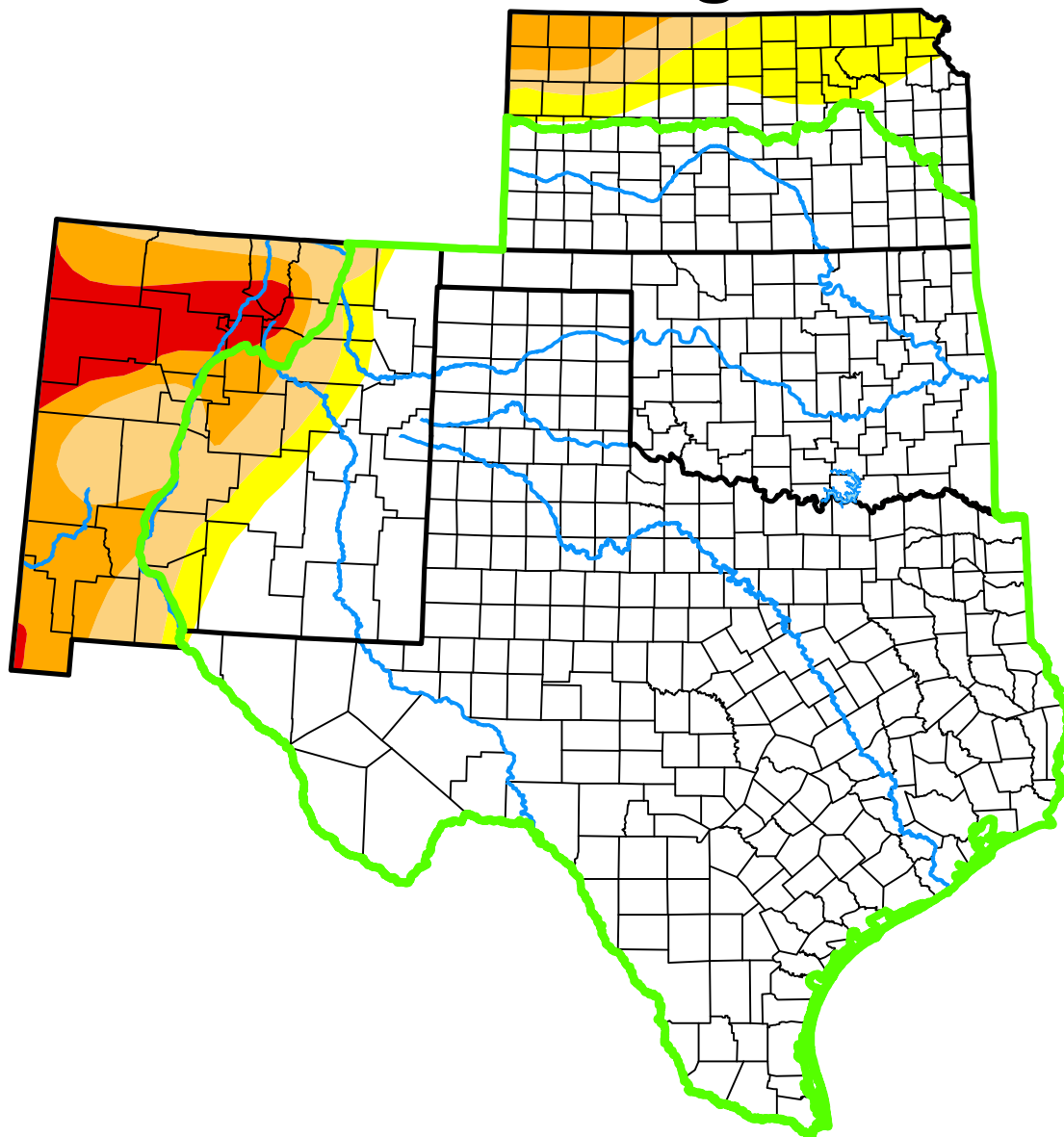


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 28, 2004
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.03	5.97	3.73	0.86	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-21-2004	94.03	5.97	3.73	0.86	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-28-2004	88.77	11.23	5.50	2.22	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	36.64	63.36	45.50	31.67	15.39	2.11
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	88.77	11.23	5.50	2.22	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-30-2003	36.64	63.36	45.50	31.67	15.39	2.11

(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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