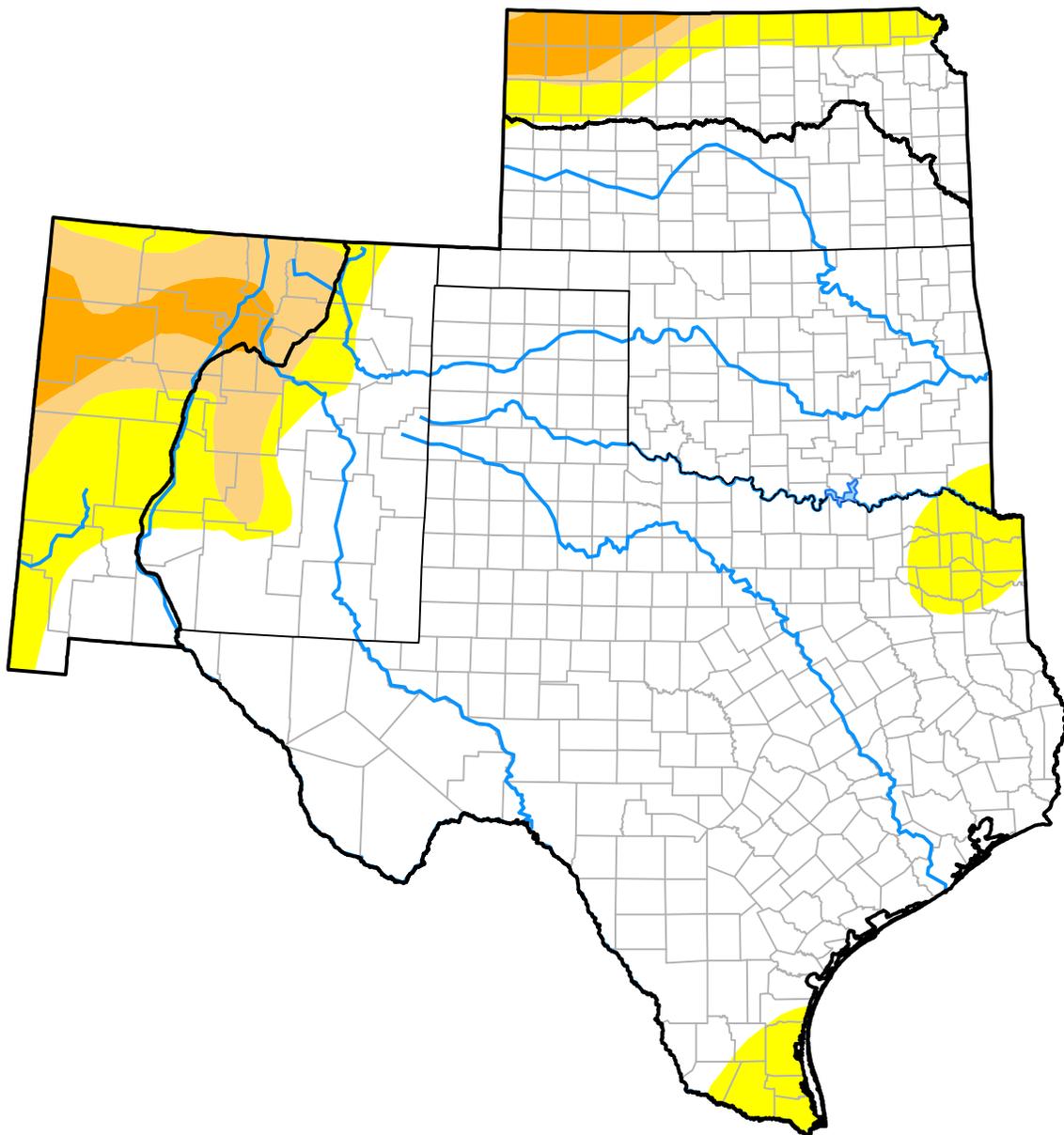


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**March 15, 2005**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1   | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 81.20 | 10.55 | 5.70 | 2.55  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-10-2005</i>              | 81.20 | 10.29 | 5.21 | 2.69  | 0.60  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2004</i>           | 81.49 | 2.26  | 6.37 | 6.44  | 3.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2005</i> | 81.49 | 2.26  | 6.37 | 6.44  | 3.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2004</i>    | 76.41 | 5.52  | 4.60 | 11.41 | 2.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-18-2004</i>           | 54.17 | 11.38 | 4.61 | 7.35  | 14.31 | 8.18 |

***Intensity:***

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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