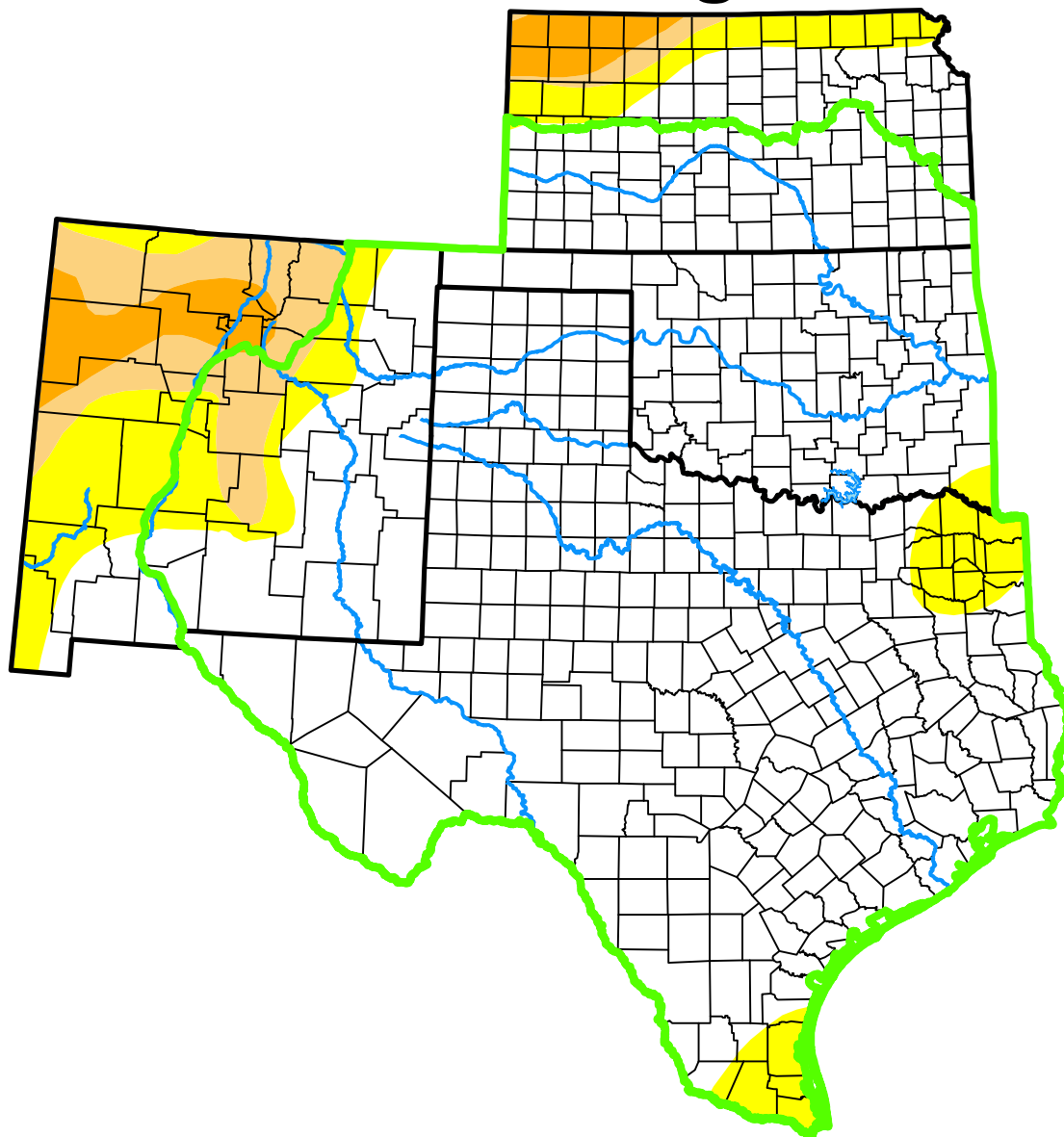


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.82	8.18	1.68	0.01	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	91.83	8.17	1.93	0.28	0.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	94.03	5.97	3.73	0.86	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	94.03	5.97	3.73	0.86	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	88.77	11.23	5.50	2.22	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-16-2004</i>	61.39	38.61	25.51	20.30	13.75	4.37

(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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