

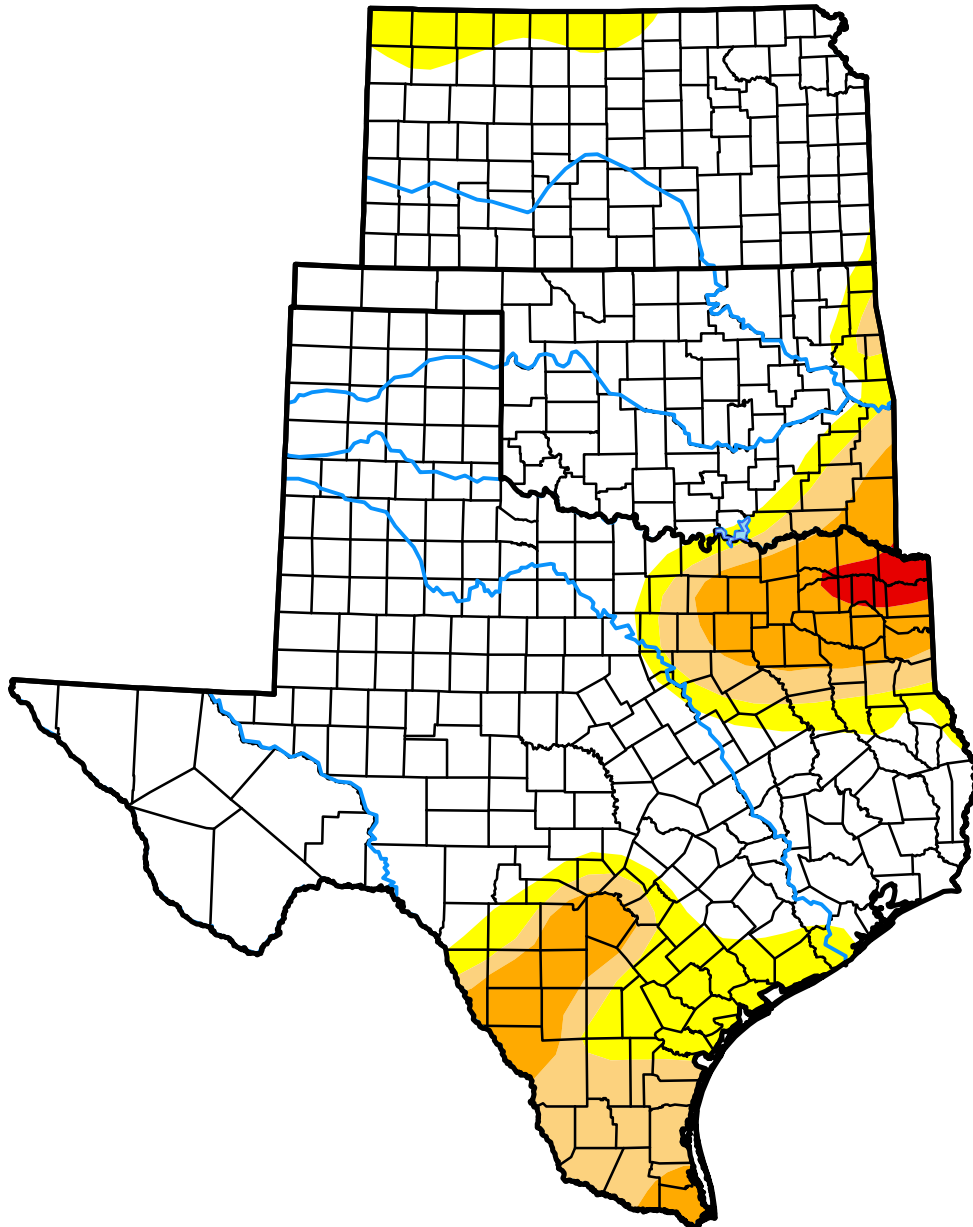
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	75.96	9.60	7.26	6.45	0.72	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2005</i>	71.96	11.90	8.44	6.98	0.72	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2005</i>	50.44	30.52	13.82	5.23	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	93.18	4.36	1.22	1.25	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	94.62	2.87	1.17	1.34	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-24-2004</i>	94.71	2.59	1.02	1.68	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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