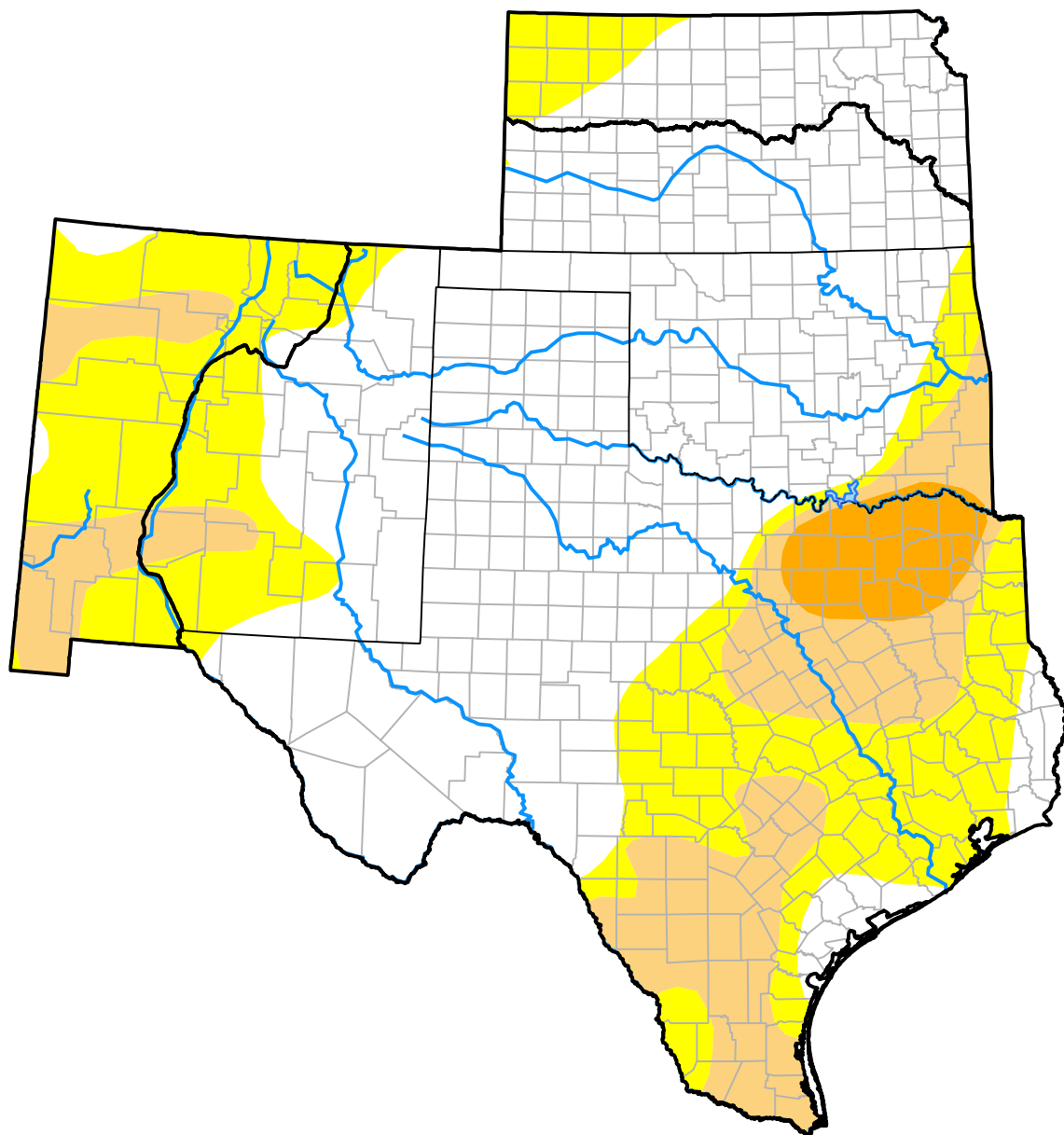


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.87	49.13	20.94	3.57	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-13-2005</i>	48.12	51.88	23.08	4.73	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2005</i>	38.75	61.25	37.25	13.10	2.84	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	81.49	18.51	16.25	9.88	3.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	53.54	46.46	20.76	3.74	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-21-2004</i>	79.38	20.62	17.09	11.40	3.93	0.00

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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