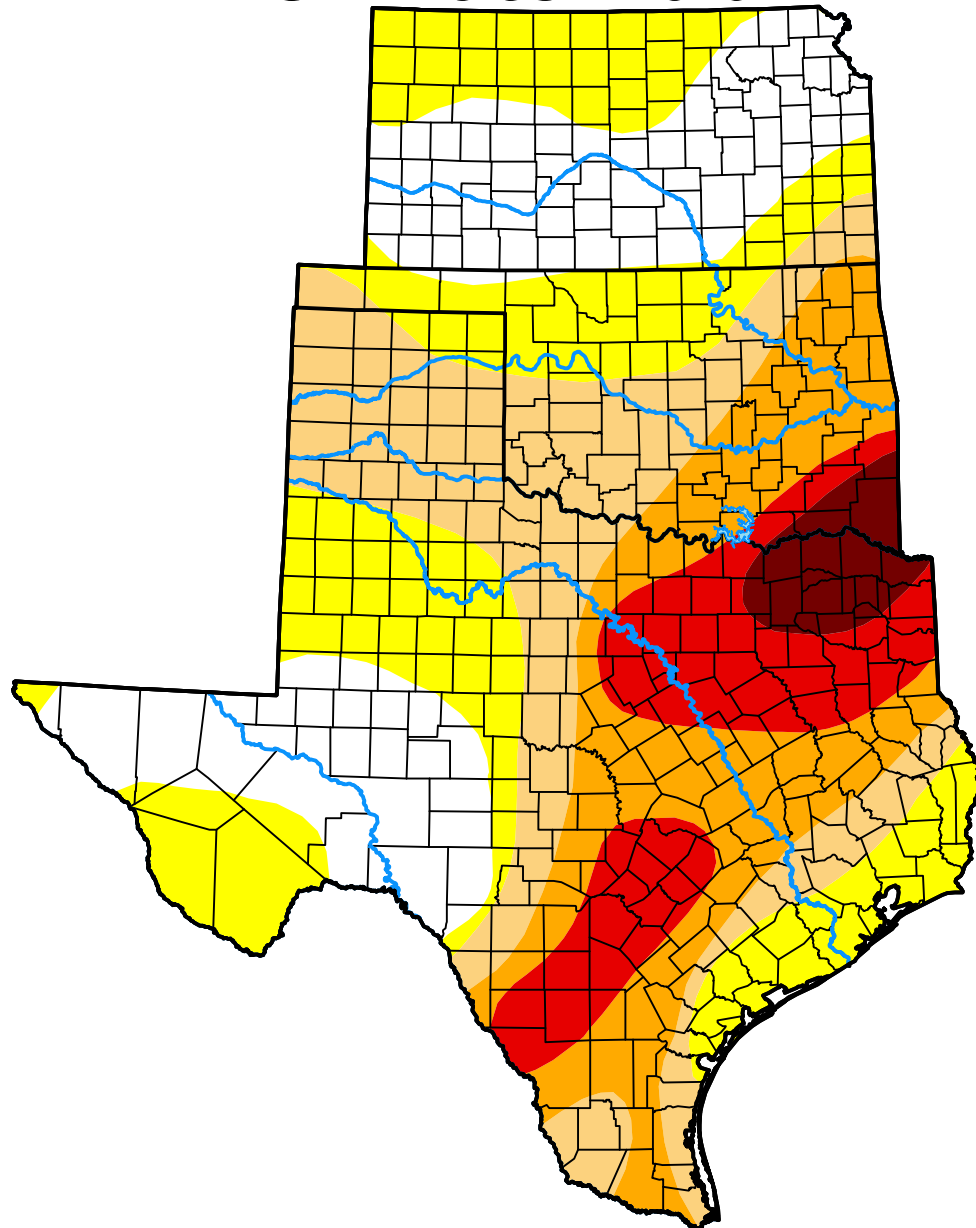


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.40	26.64	20.54	16.61	10.76	3.05
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	22.72	26.76	24.65	19.26	6.61	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	68.49	14.46	11.29	4.94	0.82	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>09-27-2005</i>	65.26	18.05	12.60	4.09	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	93.18	4.36	1.22	1.25	0.00	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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