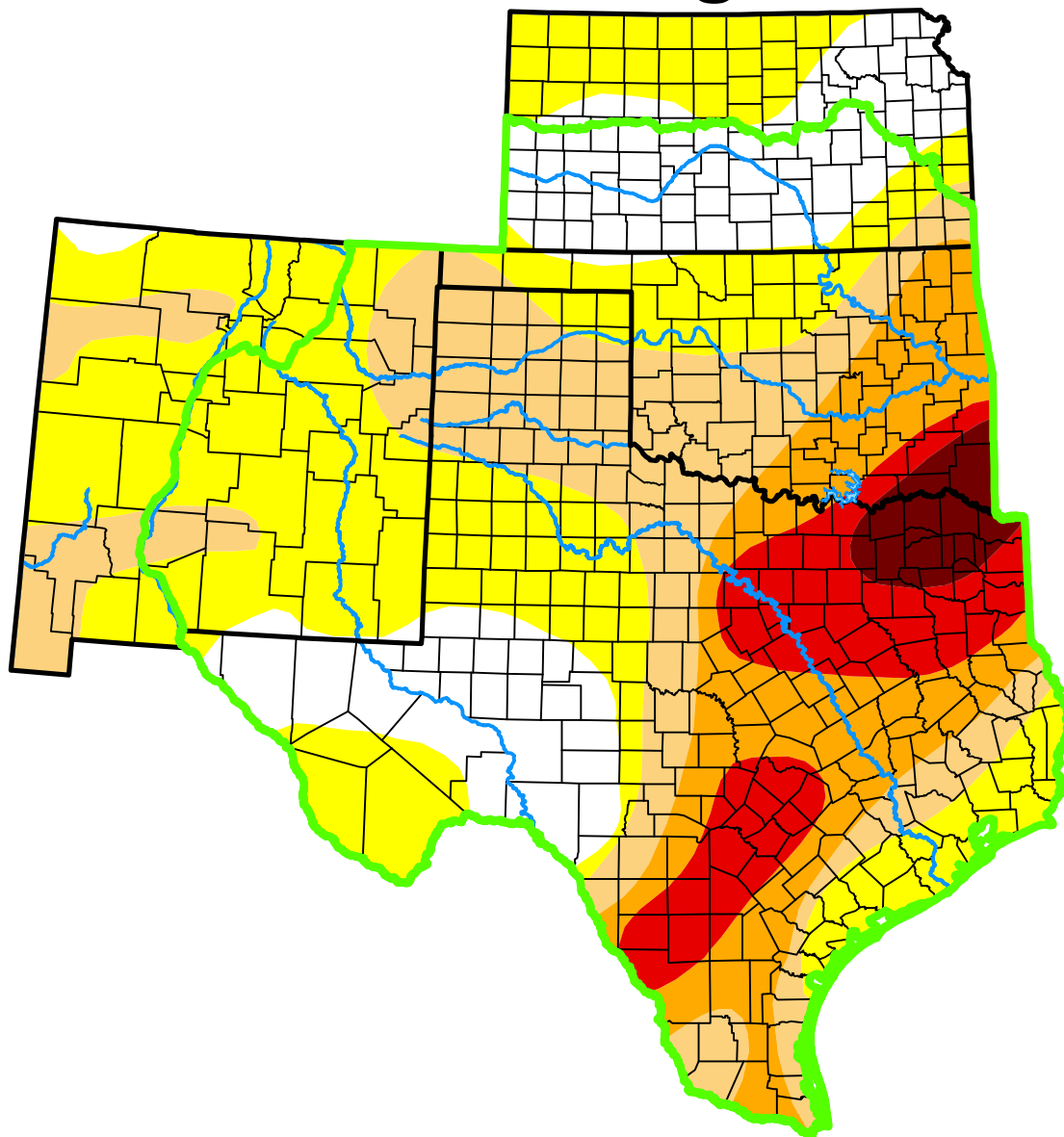


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 20, 2005
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.06	31.00	22.09	15.74	10.21	2.89
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	18.26	31.53	25.68	18.26	6.27	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	65.99	17.17	11.38	4.68	0.78	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	94.03	2.24	2.87	0.86	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	64.63	18.87	12.62	3.88	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	94.03	2.24	2.87	0.86	0.00	0.00

(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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