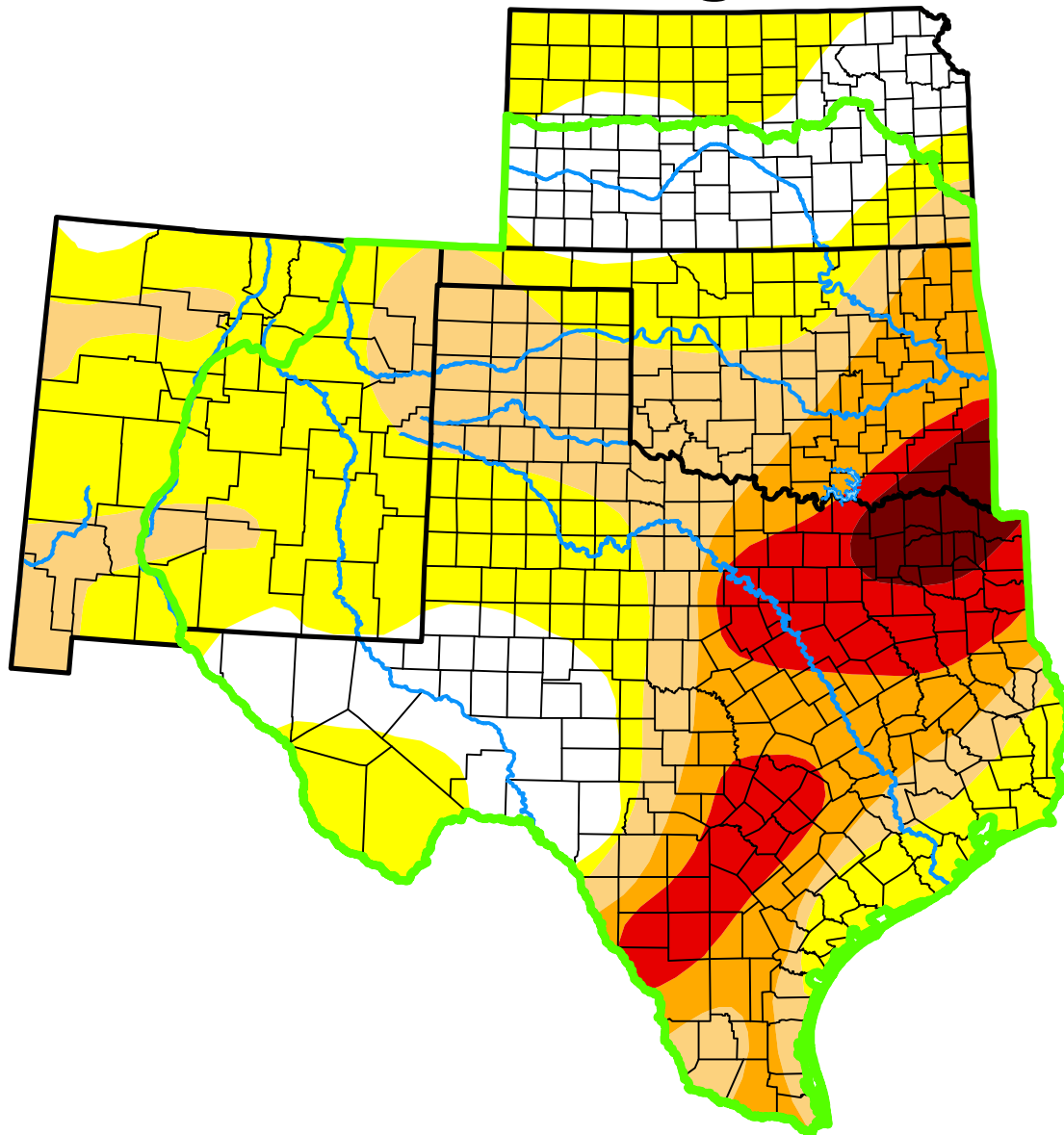


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



**December 20, 2005**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 18.06 | 81.94 | 50.94 | 28.84 | 13.10 | 2.89 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-13-2005</i>              | 18.26 | 81.74 | 50.21 | 24.53 | 6.27  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-20-2005</i>           | 65.99 | 34.01 | 16.84 | 5.46  | 0.78  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2005</i> | 94.03 | 5.97  | 3.73  | 0.86  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 64.63 | 35.37 | 16.50 | 3.88  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-21-2004</i>           | 94.03 | 5.97  | 3.73  | 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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