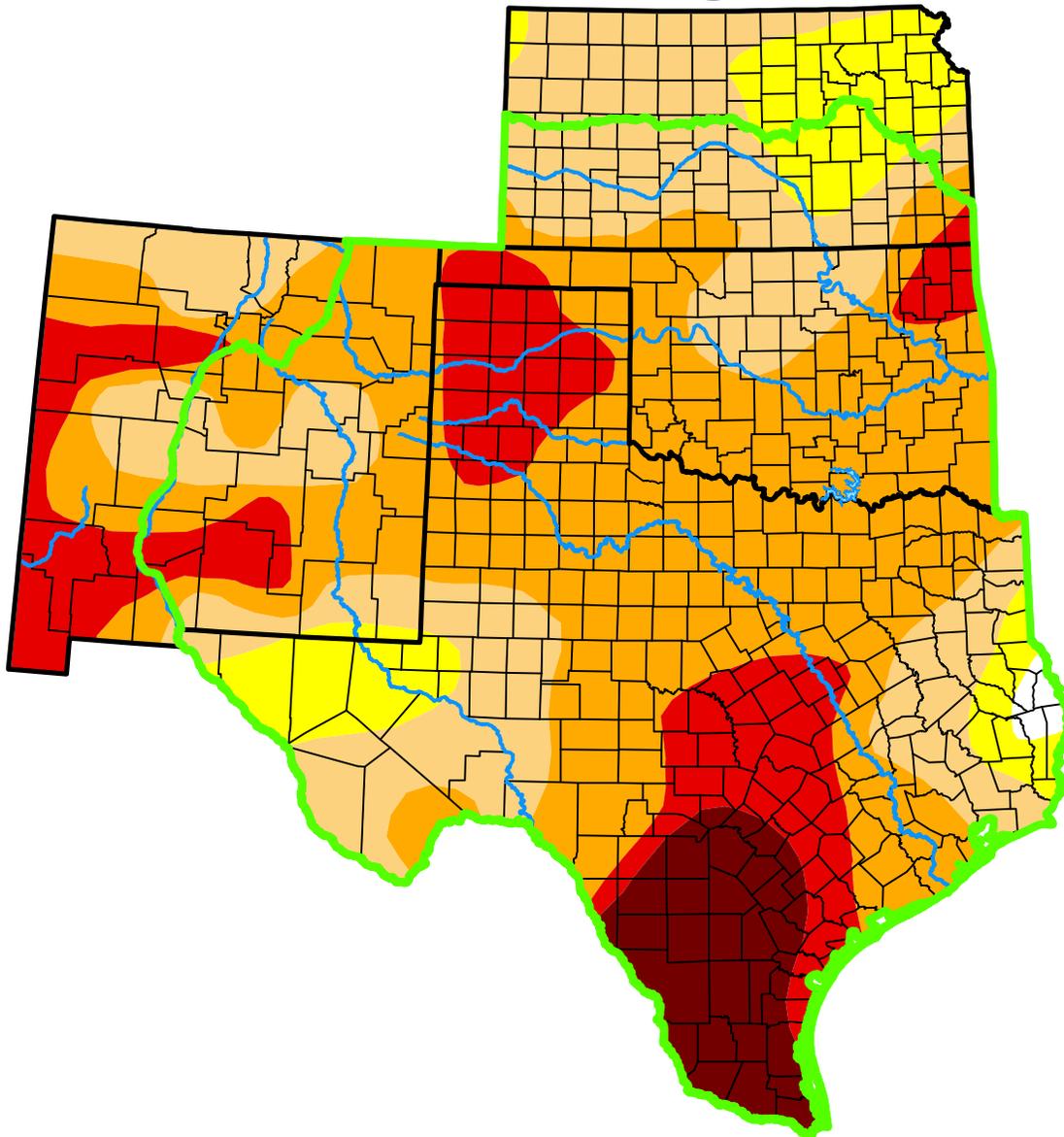


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.57	99.43	92.47	68.18	21.66	7.65
Last Week <i>03-14-2006</i>	0.70	99.30	97.26	75.52	41.12	9.06
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2005</i>	18.06	81.94	50.94	28.84	13.10	2.89
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	15.99	84.01	53.49	30.01	14.62	3.40
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	64.63	35.37	16.50	3.88	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-22-2005</i>	91.72	8.28	1.68	0.01	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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