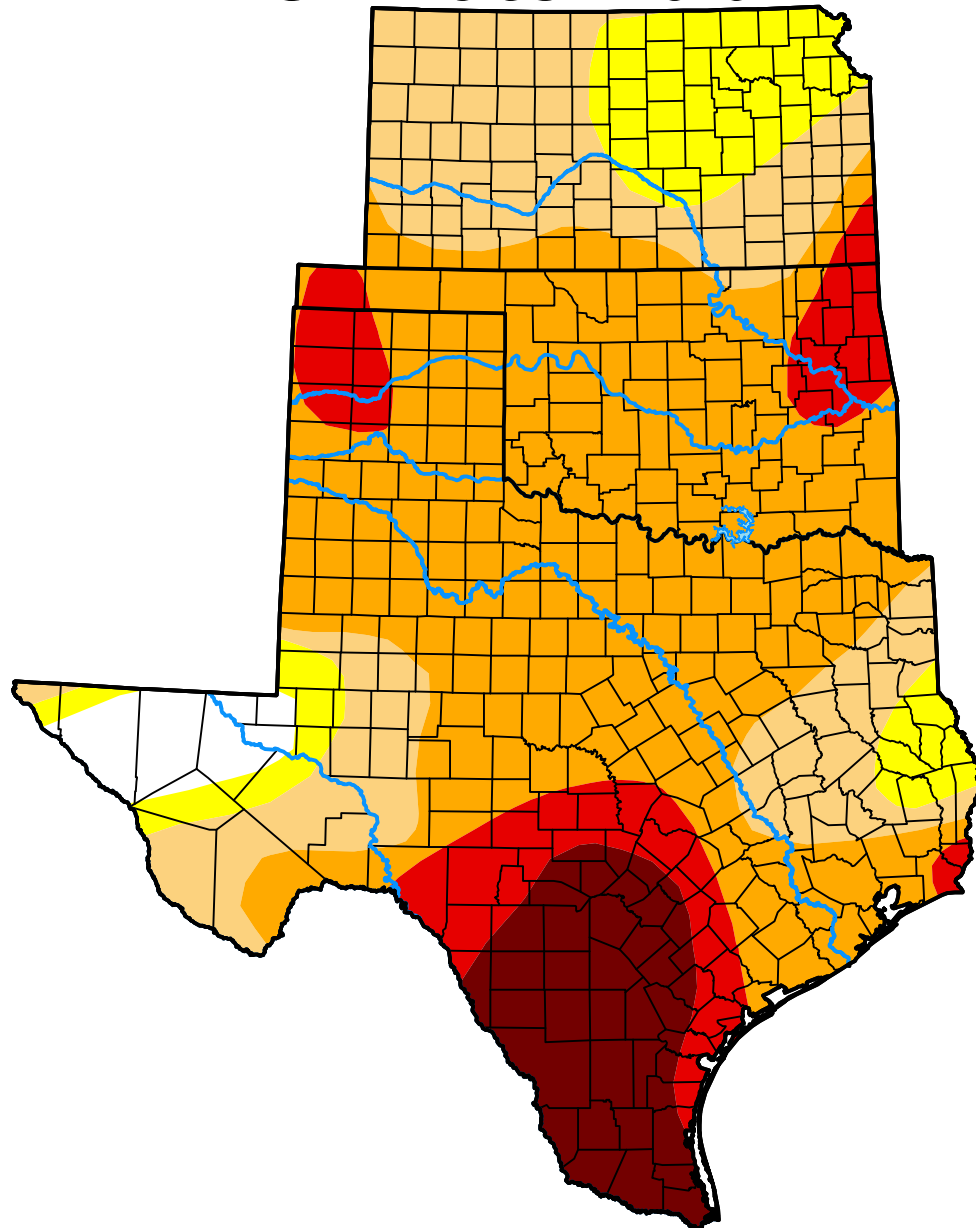


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**April 18, 2006**  
*(Released Thursday, Apr. 20, 2006)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 3.03  | 96.97 | 87.29 | 65.80 | 18.91 | 9.14 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-11-2006</i>              | 3.03  | 96.97 | 85.96 | 62.40 | 13.53 | 8.07 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-17-2006</i>           | 9.51  | 90.49 | 58.94 | 32.28 | 17.95 | 4.68 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 20.23 | 79.77 | 53.64 | 31.65 | 15.42 | 3.59 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 65.26 | 34.74 | 16.69 | 4.09  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-19-2005</i>           | 88.37 | 11.63 | 4.74  | 0.46  | 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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