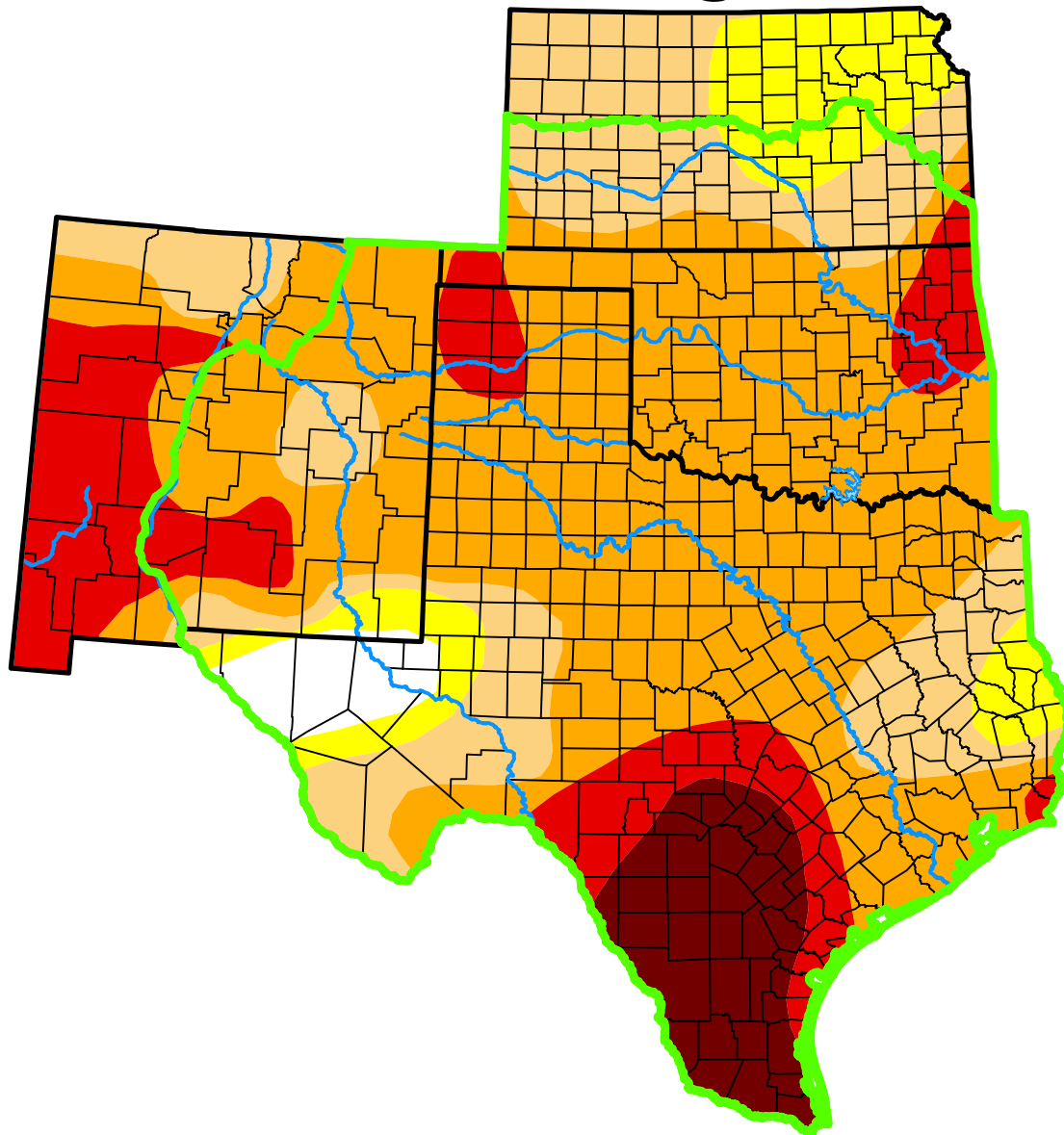


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	3.03	96.97	91.46	73.25	19.78	8.67
Last Week <i>04-11-2006</i>	3.03	96.97	90.51	70.12	14.46	7.65
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2006</i>	6.89	93.11	61.58	30.61	17.02	4.44
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>04-19-2005</i>	87.84	12.16	4.72	0.01	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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