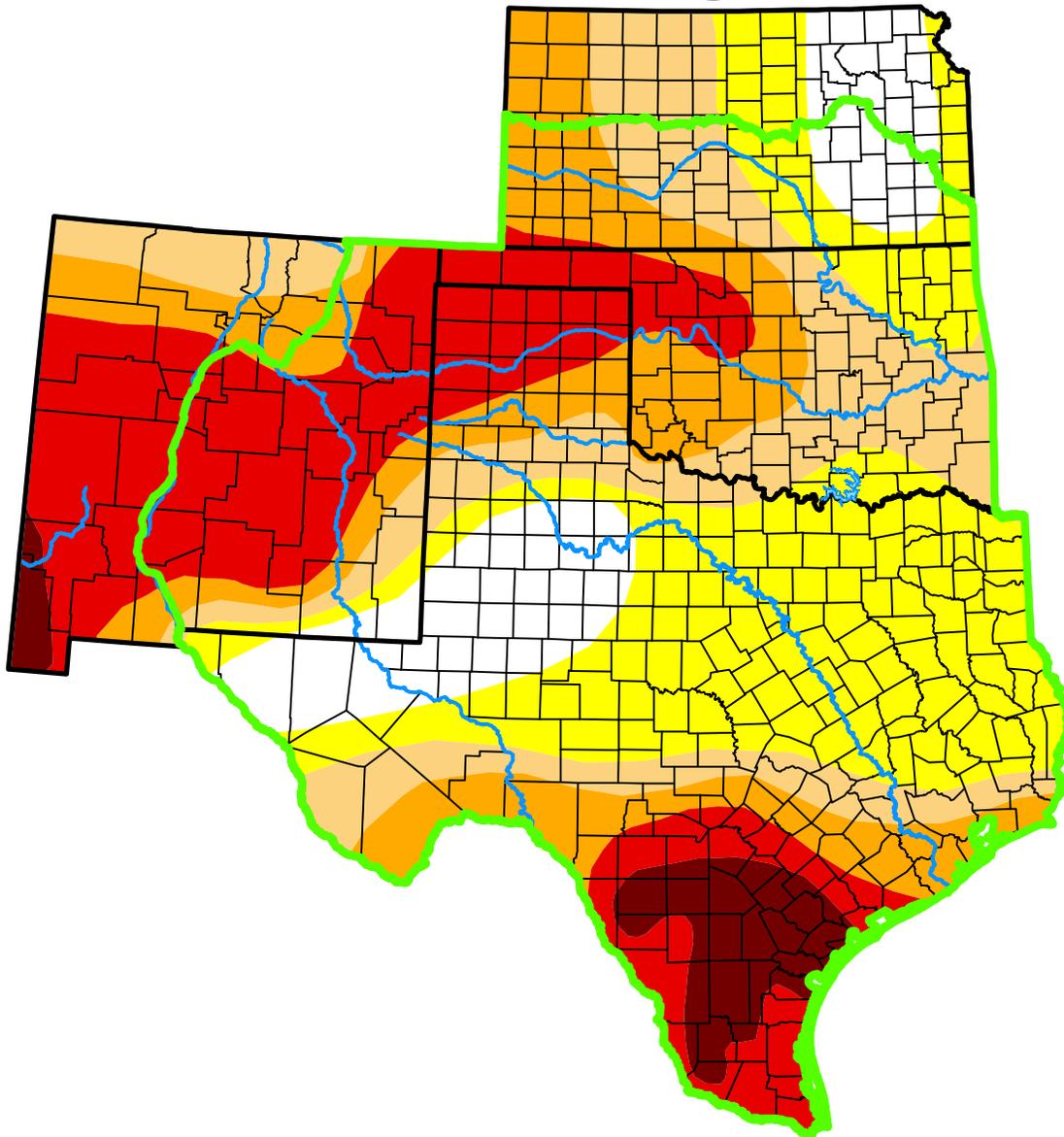


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.63	29.45	17.53	16.74	20.91	4.74
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	10.63	28.46	17.40	16.46	19.46	7.60
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	1.25	9.02	34.45	26.02	25.93	3.32
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	15.99	30.52	23.48	15.39	11.22	3.40
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>05-17-2005</i>	60.41	25.29	11.43	2.86	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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