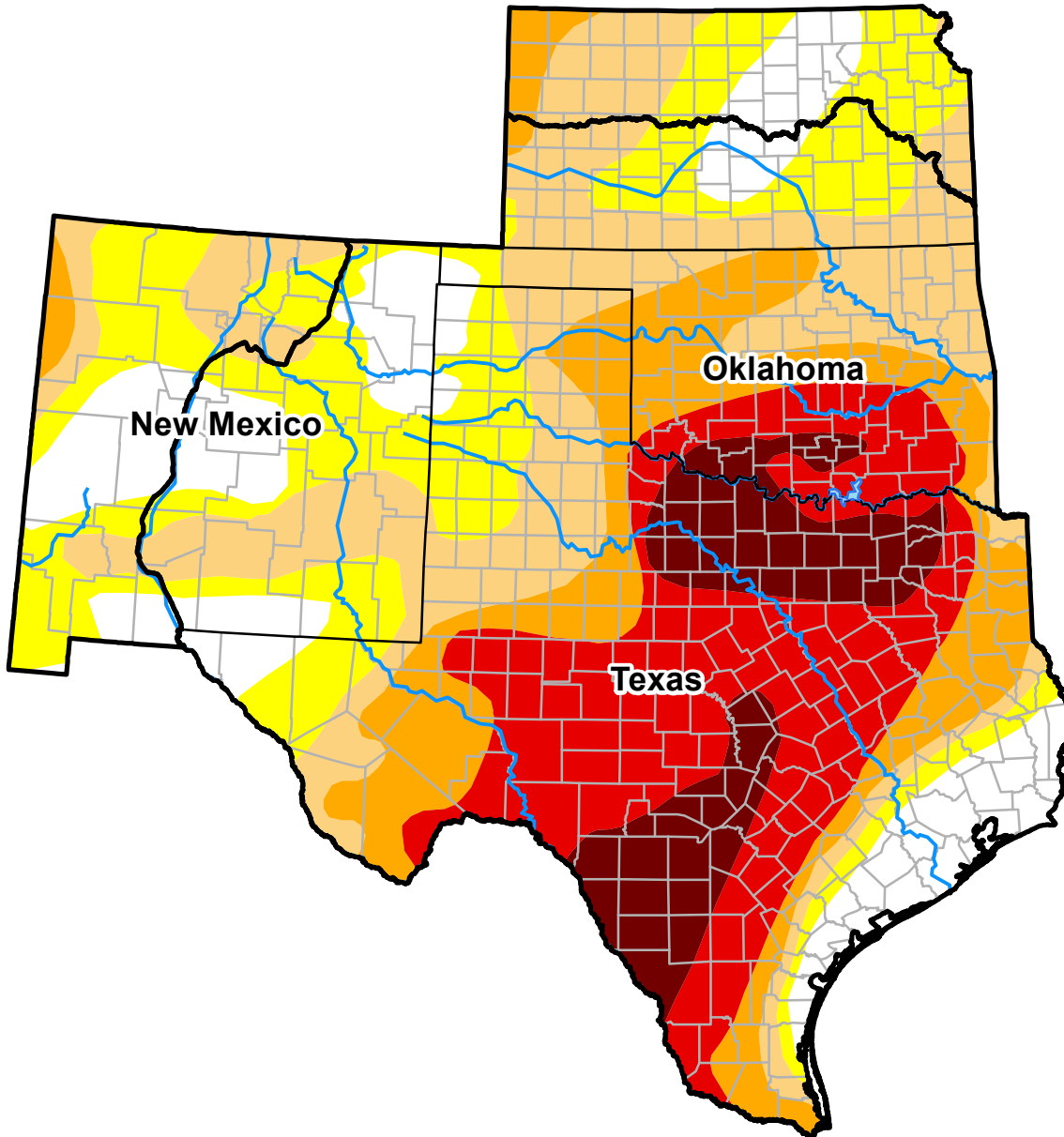


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.93	15.78	22.00	16.83	22.83	10.63
Last Week <i>08-22-2006</i>	9.68	15.32	15.55	23.70	24.88	10.88
3 Months Ago <i>05-30-2006</i>	2.01	20.22	34.16	19.98	19.33	4.31
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>08-30-2005</i>	72.48	12.98	7.74	6.12	0.69	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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