

U.S. Drought Monitor

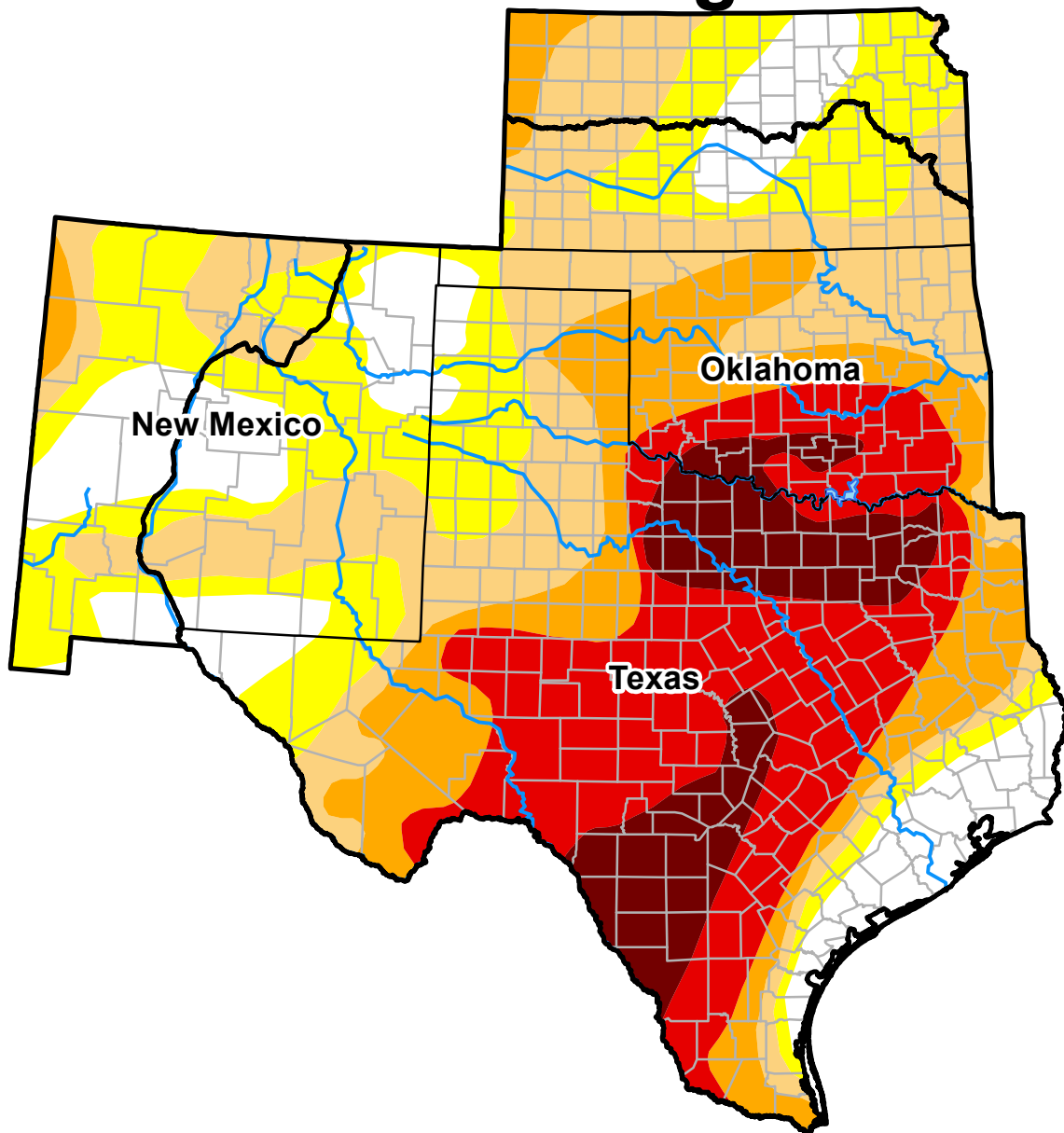
Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.23	20.46	23.08	14.90	18.65	8.68
Last Week <i>08-22-2006</i>	11.66	19.31	19.13	20.70	20.32	8.88
3 Months Ago <i>05-30-2006</i>	3.28	19.72	30.38	20.84	21.61	4.17
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	16.01	36.92	22.56	12.57	9.16	2.78
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	58.25	24.16	14.42	3.17	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-30-2005</i>	65.81	18.20	10.43	5.00	0.56	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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