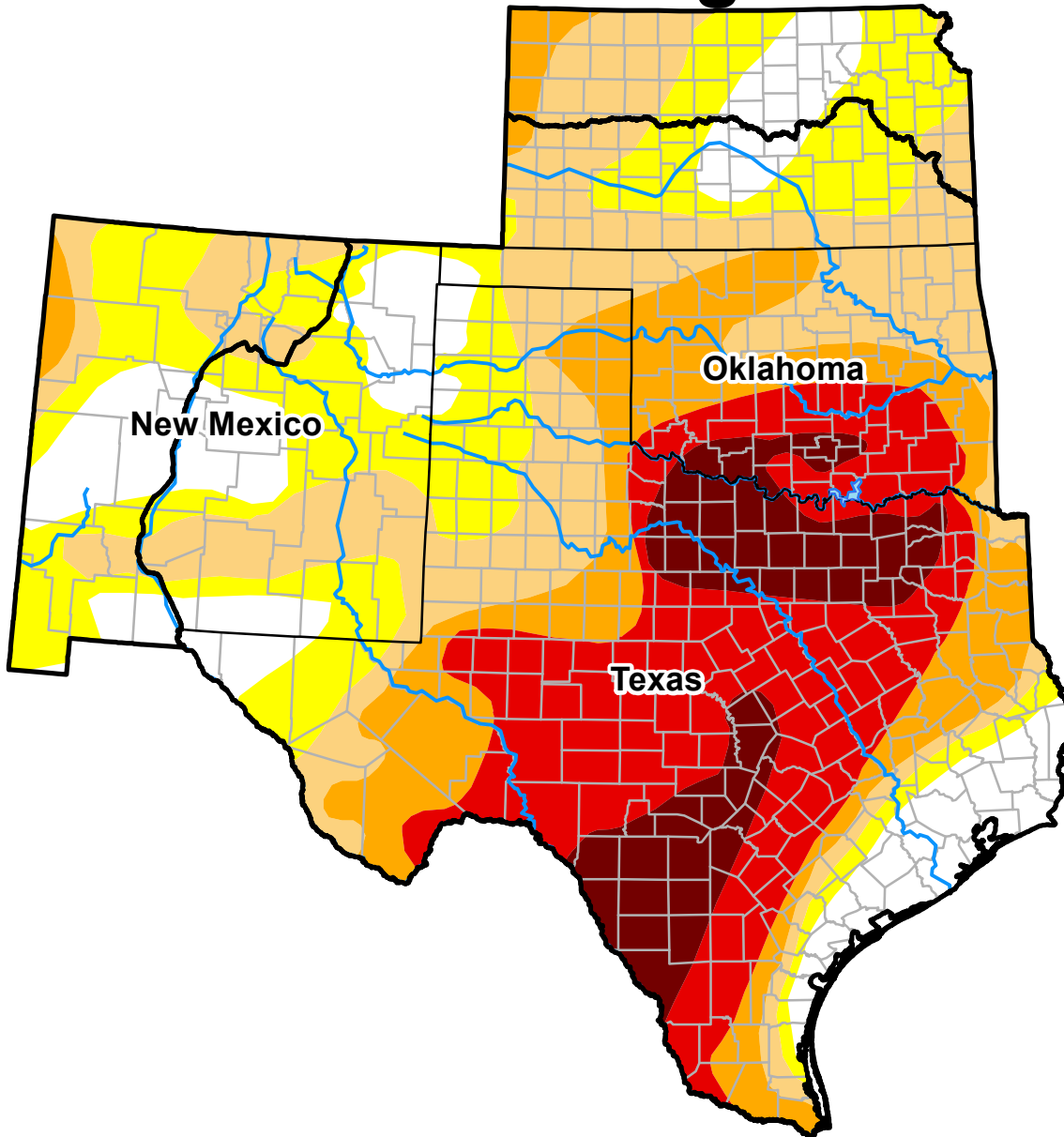


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.23	85.77	65.31	42.23	27.33	8.68
Last Week <i>08-22-2006</i>	11.66	88.34	69.04	49.90	29.20	8.88
3 Months Ago <i>05-30-2006</i>	3.28	96.72	77.00	46.61	25.78	4.17
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	16.01	83.99	47.07	24.51	11.94	2.78
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	58.25	41.75	17.59	3.17	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-30-2005</i>	65.81	34.19	15.99	5.56	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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