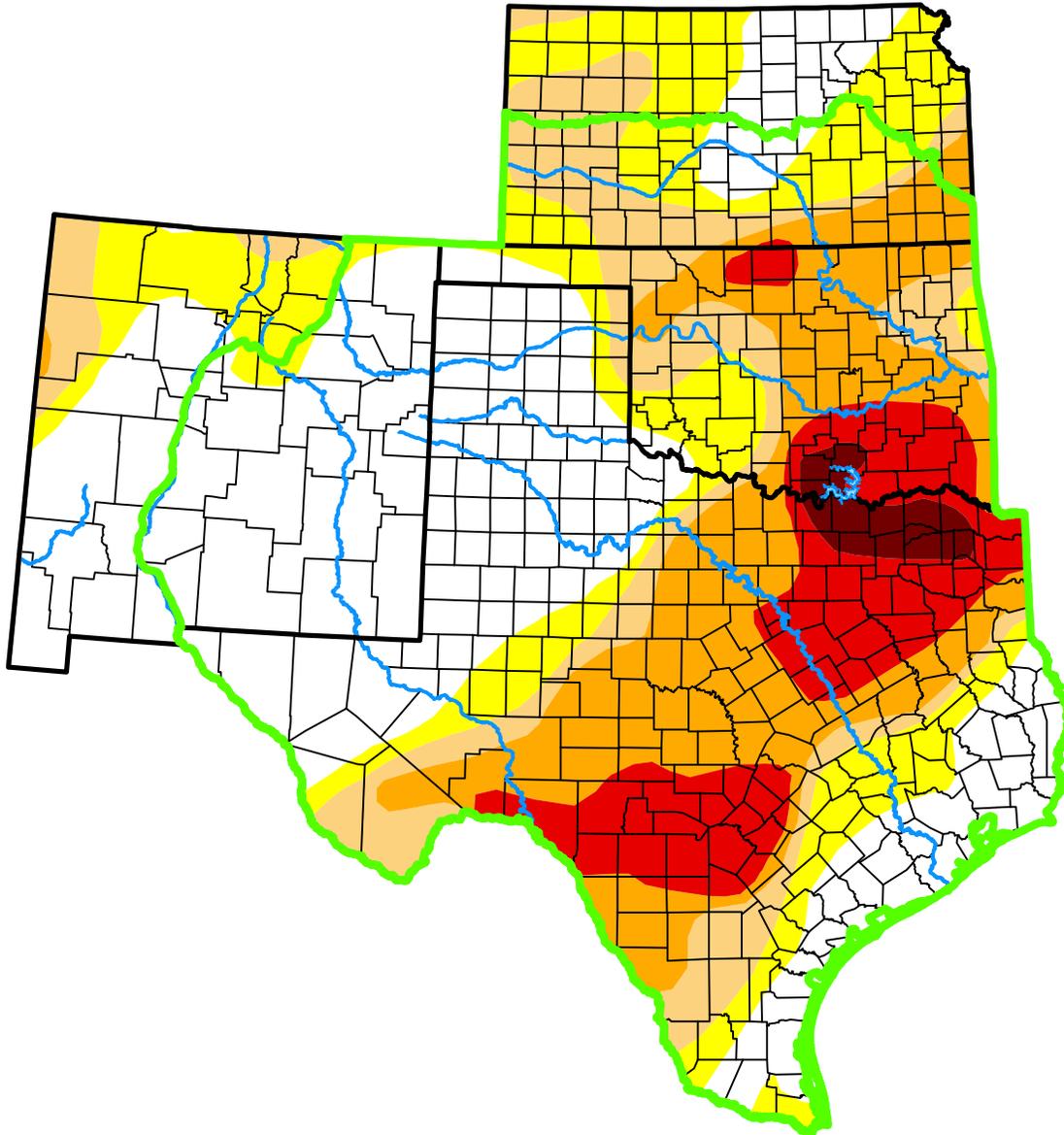


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	38.48	61.52	47.55	34.84	14.04	1.93
Last Week <i>10-10-2006</i>	31.27	68.73	53.33	37.99	15.99	1.61
3 Months Ago <i>07-18-2006</i>	3.32	96.68	87.93	57.98	15.09	2.70
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>09-26-2006</i>	31.25	68.75	53.55	33.77	14.85	0.99
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2005</i>	61.59	38.41	18.12	3.71	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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