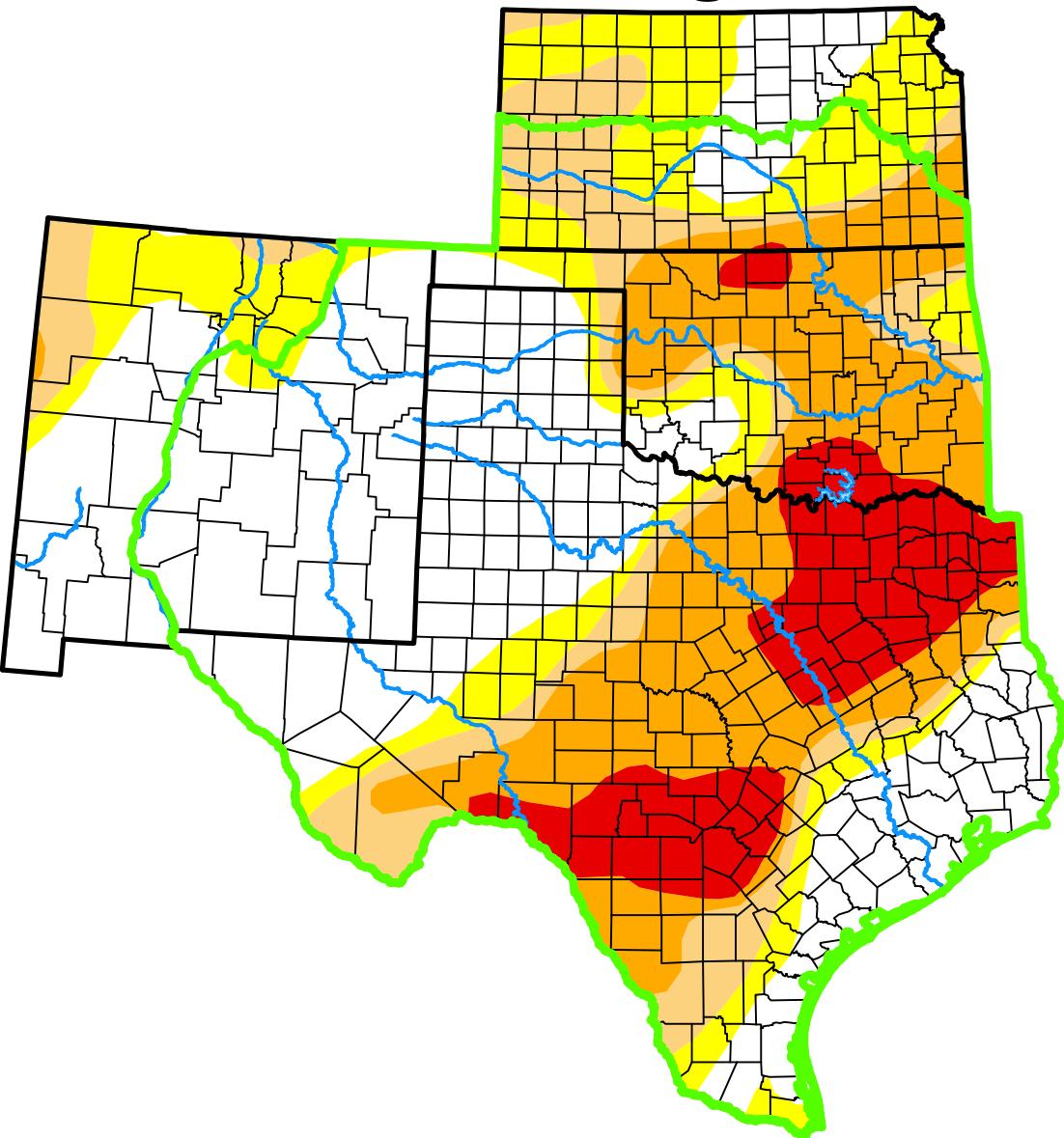


U.S. Drought Monitor
**Southern Plains DEWS
and Surrounding Areas**



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	40.95	11.79	10.92	23.82	12.53	0.00
Last Week 10-17-2006	38.48	13.98	12.71	20.80	12.11	1.93
3 Months Ago 07-25-2006	4.52	7.43	23.83	32.93	27.85	3.44
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006	15.99	30.52	23.48	15.39	11.22	3.40
Start of Water Year 09-26-2006	31.25	15.20	19.78	18.91	13.87	0.99
One Year Ago 10-25-2005	43.05	32.16	19.68	3.75	1.36	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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