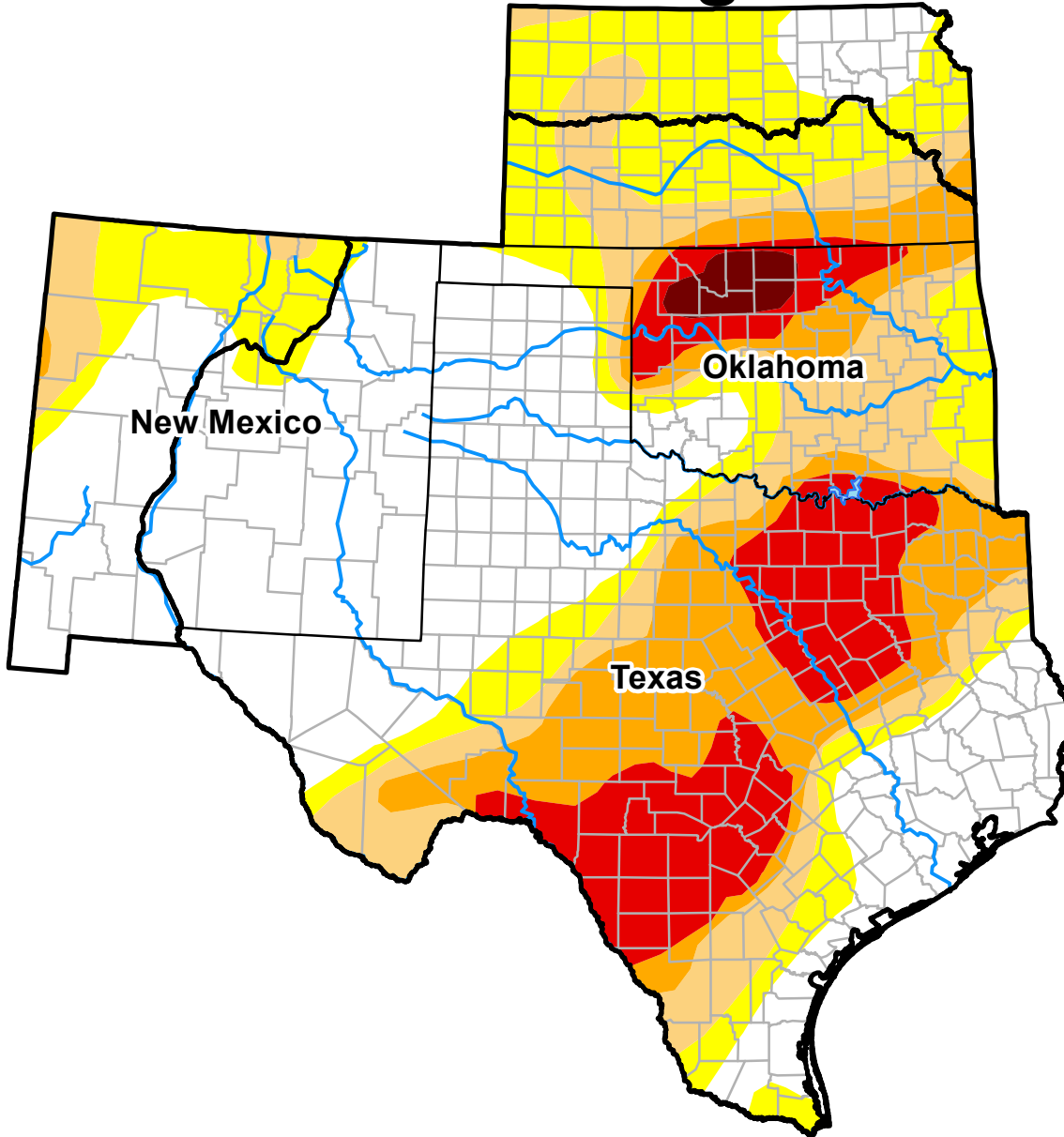


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	40.38	59.62	39.83	25.73	12.42	0.94
Last Week <i>11-14-2006</i>	40.93	59.07	39.54	25.62	9.30	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>08-22-2006</i>	11.66	88.34	69.04	49.90	29.20	8.88
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>09-26-2006</i>	32.75	67.25	46.95	27.88	12.13	0.80
One Year Ago <i>11-22-2005</i>	37.62	62.38	29.43	15.73	2.16	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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