

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

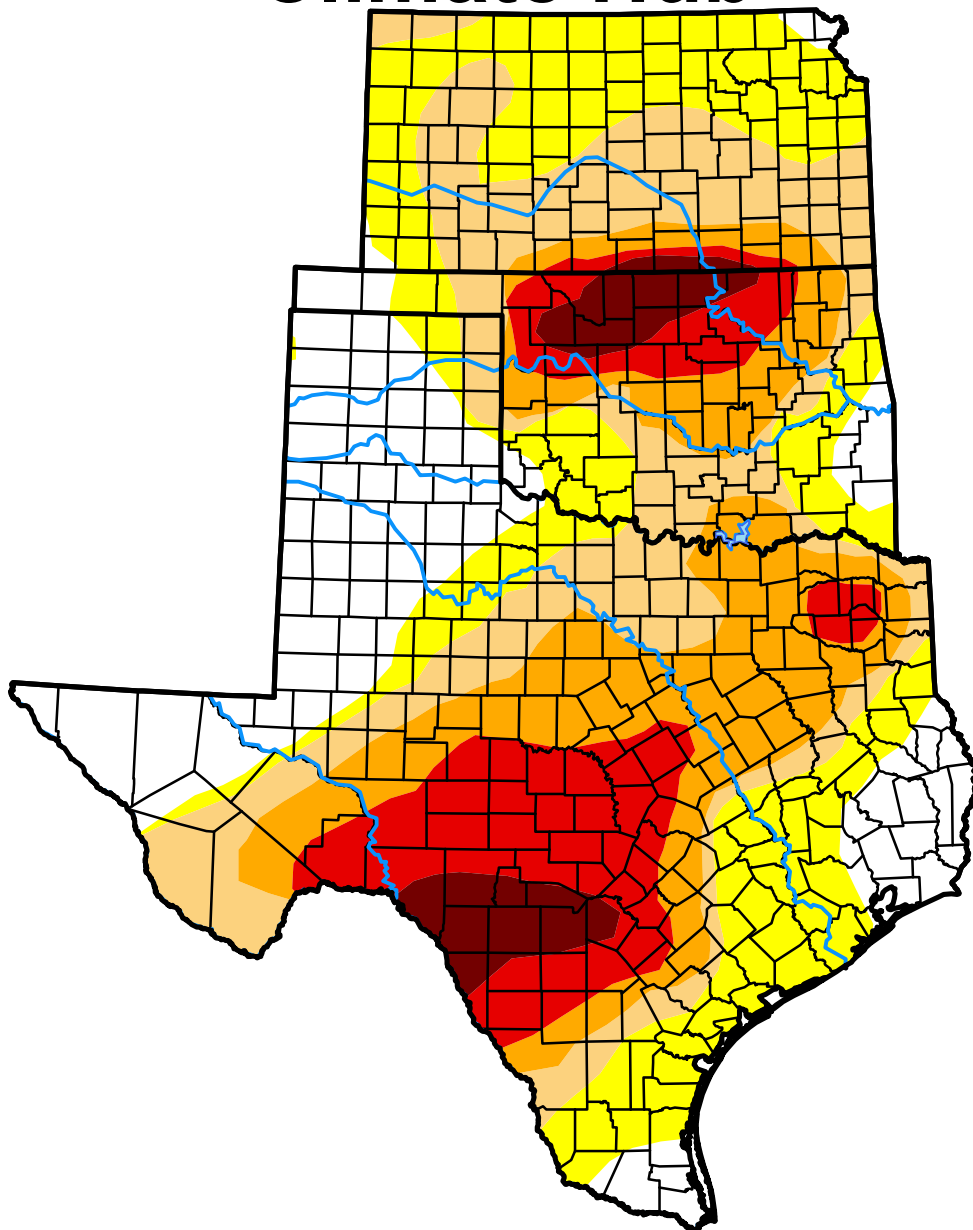
### Climate Hub

**December 12, 2006**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	19.85	80.15	55.74	34.56	16.85	4.40
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-05-2006</i>	18.70	81.30	51.05	31.38	16.23	1.26
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-12-2006</i>	20.71	79.29	65.56	44.48	30.80	10.40
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	20.23	79.77	53.64	31.65	15.42	3.59
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2006</i>	21.53	78.47	58.66	35.61	15.66	1.04
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-13-2005</i>	22.72	77.28	50.52	25.87	6.61	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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