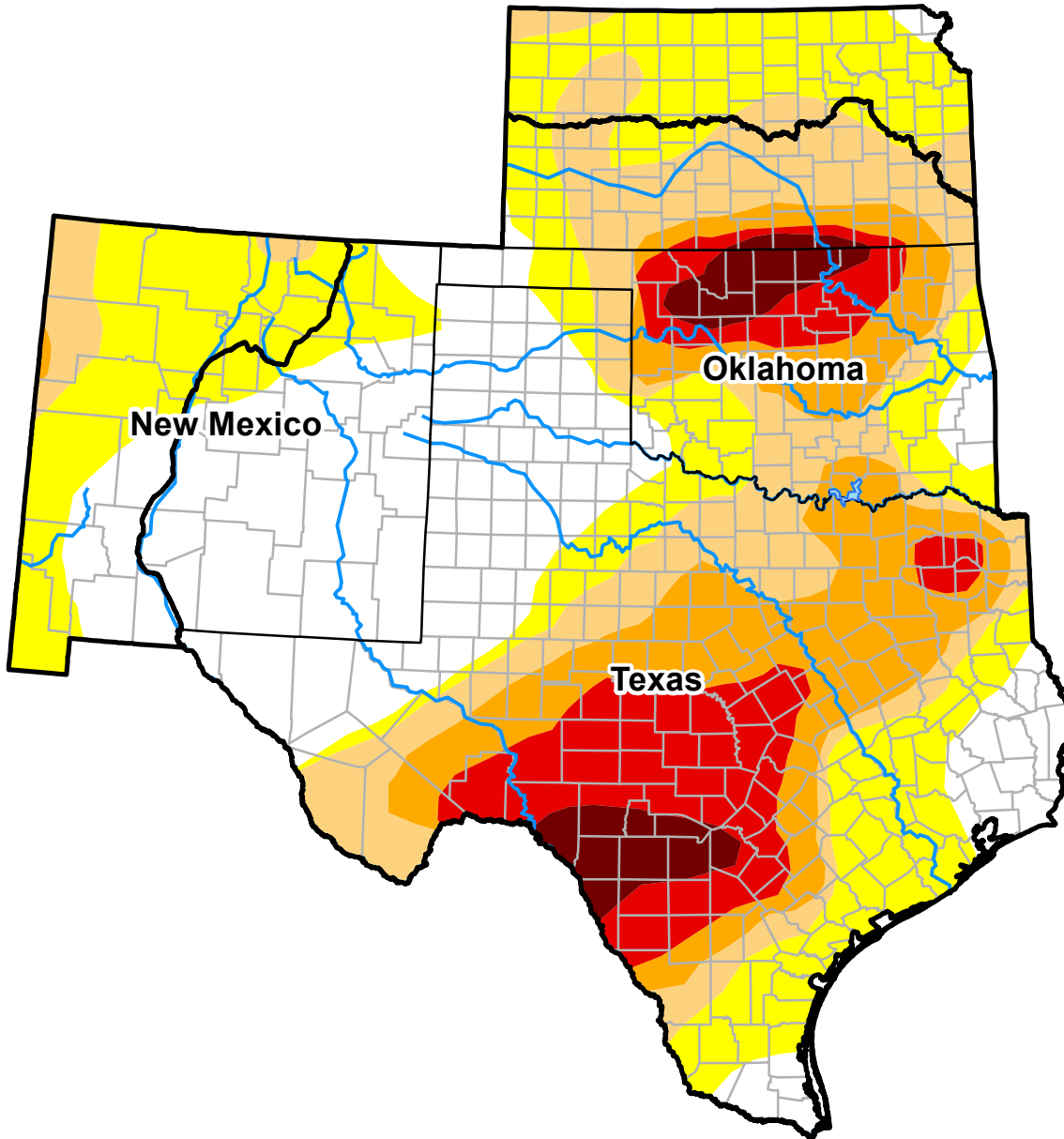


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	30.87	18.31	18.05	16.79	11.81	4.17
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	31.35	21.72	17.18	14.37	14.20	1.19
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	29.39	11.92	17.04	12.45	19.34	9.86
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	15.99	30.52	23.48	15.39	11.22	3.40
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	31.25	15.20	19.78	18.91	13.87	0.99
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	18.26	31.53	25.68	18.26	6.27	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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