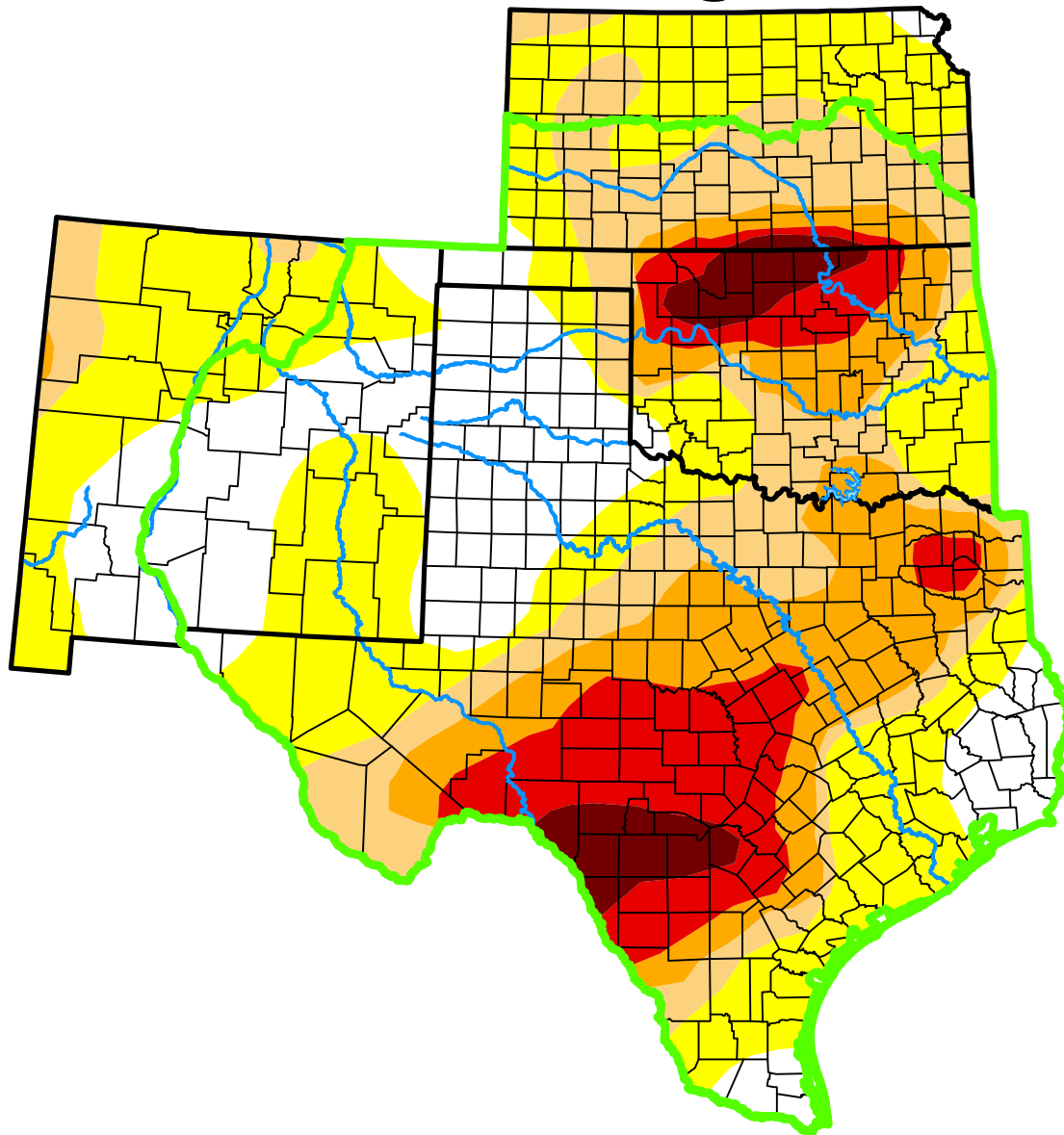


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.19	26.91	18.12	16.79	11.81	4.17
Last Week 12-12-2006	30.87	18.31	18.05	16.79	11.81	4.17
3 Months Ago 09-19-2006	31.22	14.94	20.08	18.91	12.80	2.05
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 12-20-2005	18.06	31.00	22.09	15.74	10.21	2.89

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

Intensity:

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