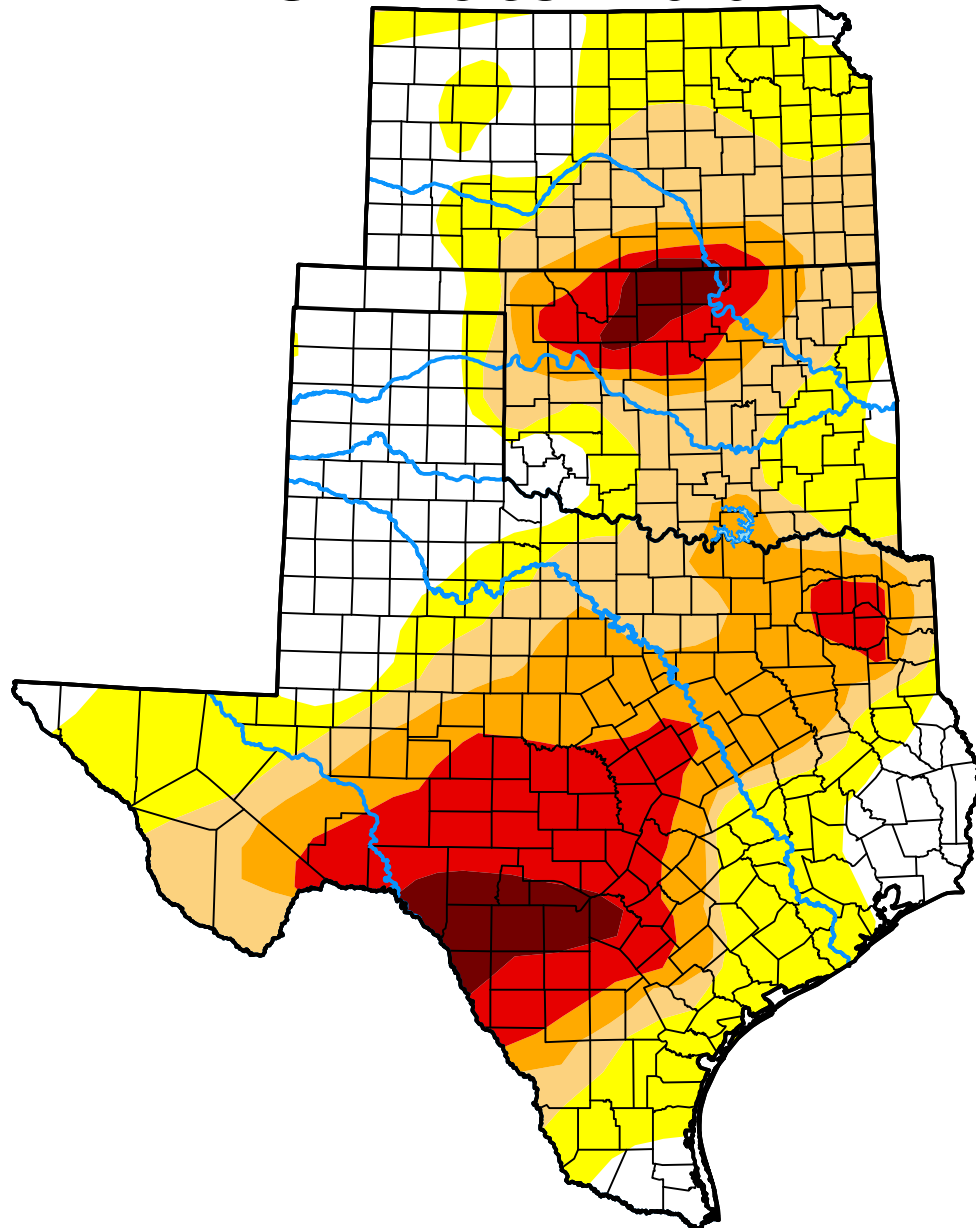


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**December 26, 2006**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 22.51 | 25.75 | 20.58 | 15.78 | 11.94 | 3.44 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-19-2006</i>              | 15.52 | 28.66 | 21.26 | 17.71 | 12.45 | 4.40 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>           | 21.53 | 19.81 | 23.05 | 19.95 | 14.62 | 1.04 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 20.23 | 26.13 | 21.99 | 16.23 | 11.83 | 3.59 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>    | 21.53 | 19.81 | 23.05 | 19.95 | 14.62 | 1.04 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-27-2005</i>           | 22.40 | 26.64 | 20.54 | 16.61 | 10.76 | 3.05 |

**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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