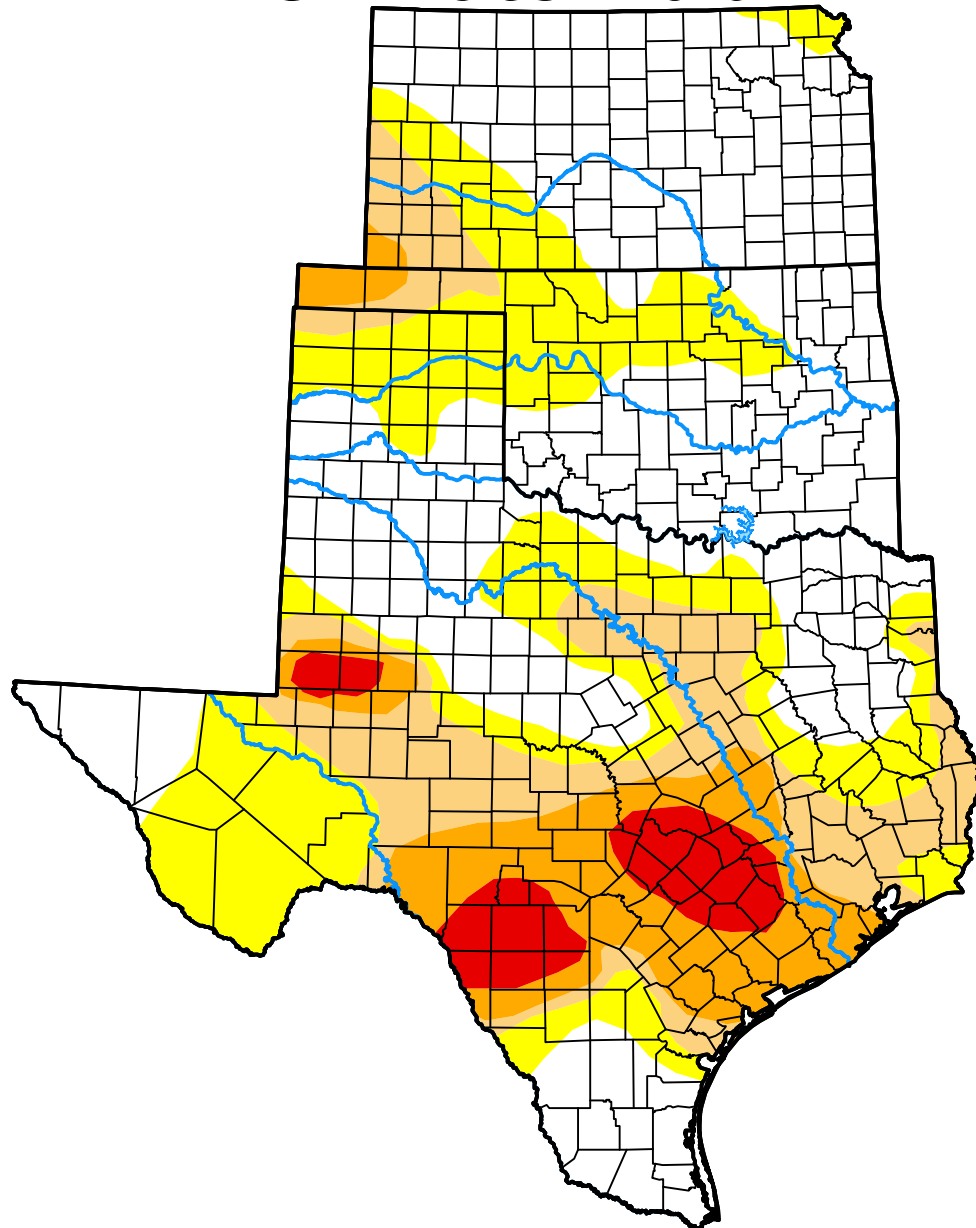


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**August 19, 2008**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 46.93 | 24.46 | 14.11 | 9.87  | 4.63  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-12-2008</i>              | 36.89 | 23.32 | 16.27 | 9.84  | 11.11 | 2.57 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-20-2008</i>           | 57.50 | 10.52 | 16.37 | 13.29 | 2.32  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 59.82 | 30.58 | 9.59  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2007</i>    | 96.04 | 3.89  | 0.07  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-21-2007</i>           | 92.78 | 7.22  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

**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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