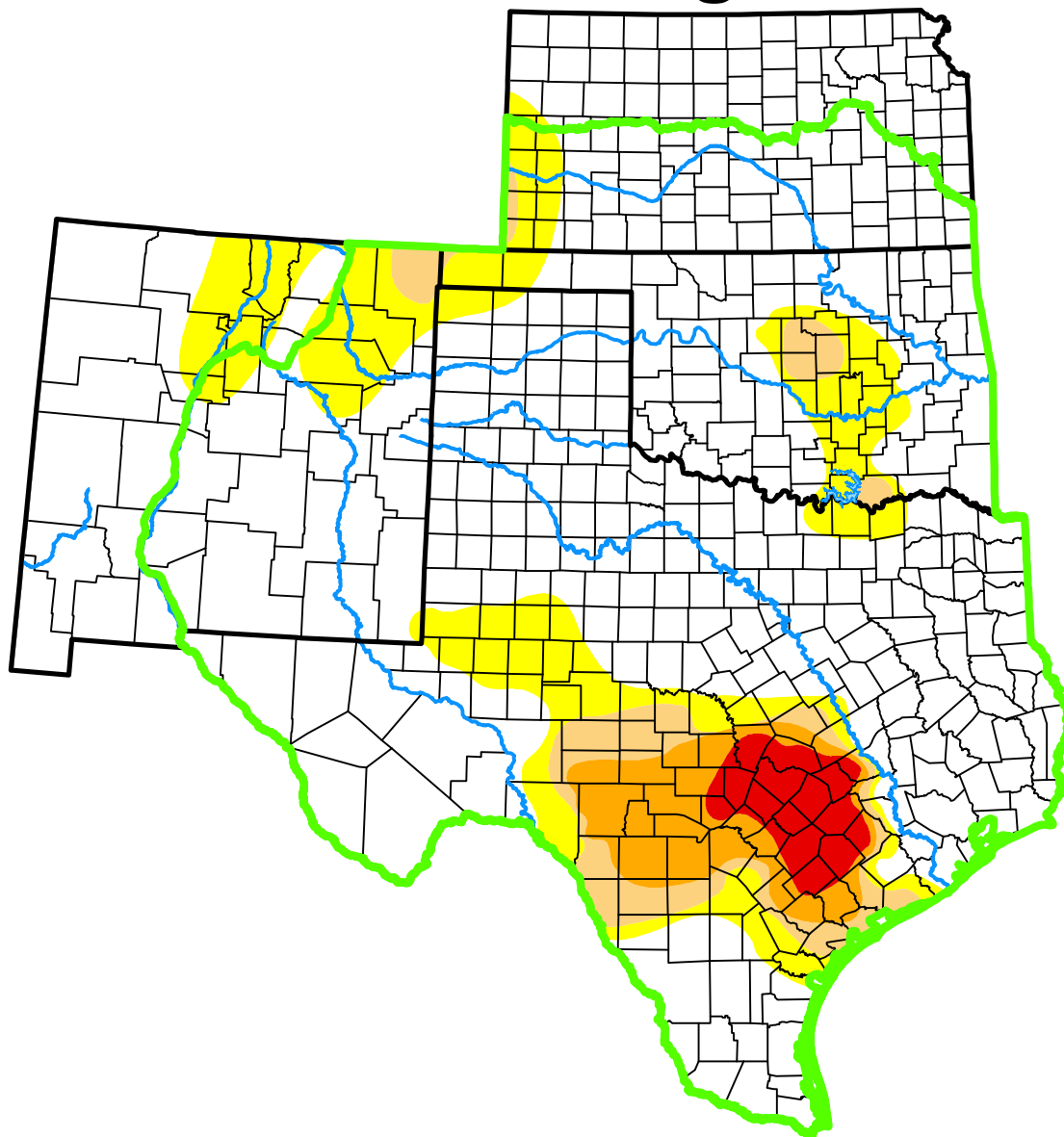


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	74.57	13.47	4.89	4.36	2.72	0.00
Last Week <i>10-14-2008</i>	74.75	13.20	5.34	4.00	2.72	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2008</i>	26.97	26.72	19.76	11.56	10.91	4.08
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	55.55	35.17	9.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	15.54	8.36	4.30	2.19	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2007</i>	88.90	11.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(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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