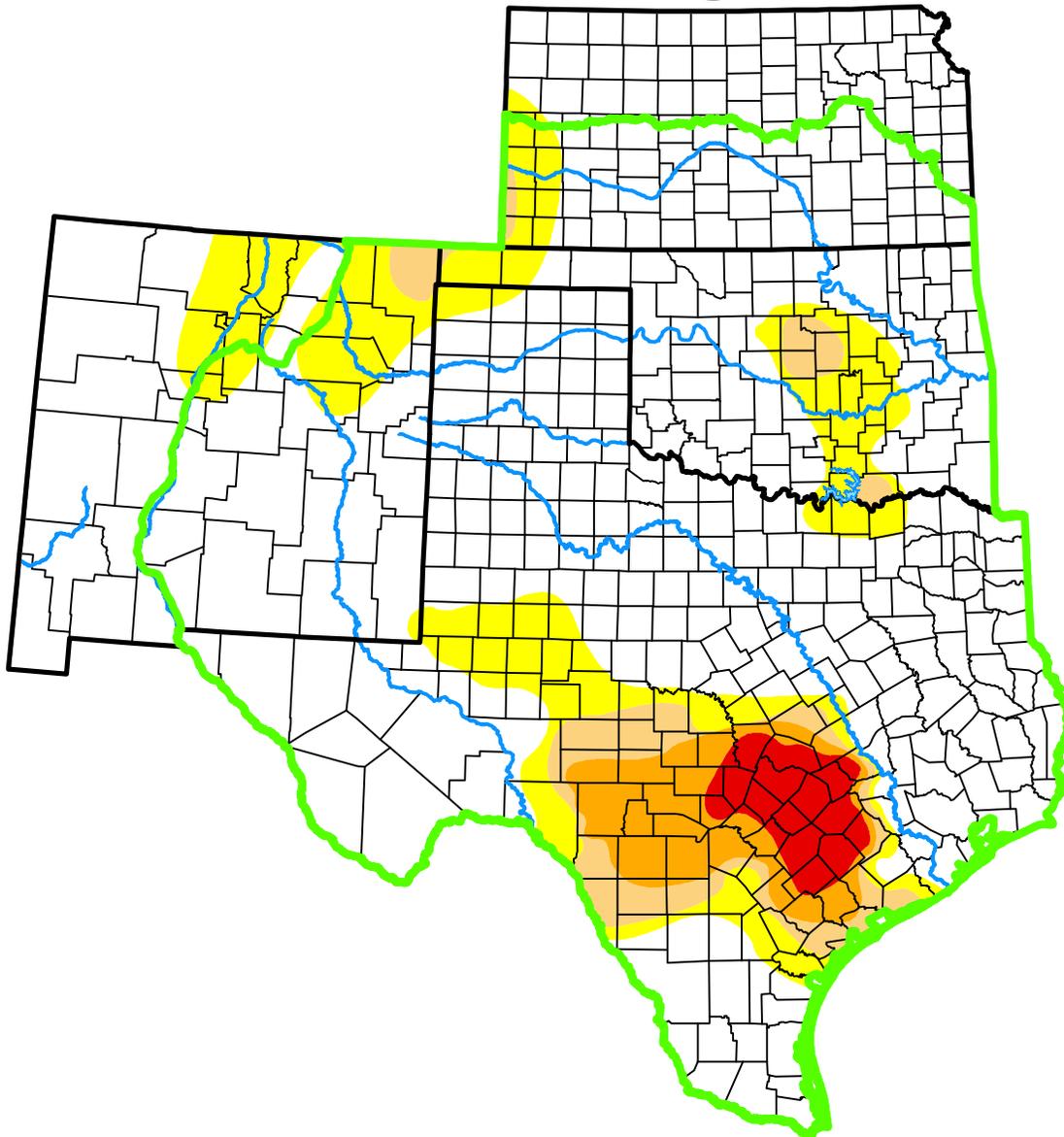


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**October 21, 2008**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.57	25.43	11.96	7.07	2.72	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-14-2008</i>	74.75	25.25	12.05	6.71	2.72	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-22-2008</i>	26.97	73.03	46.31	26.55	14.99	4.08
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2008</i>	55.55	44.45	9.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	30.39	14.85	6.49	2.19	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <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
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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