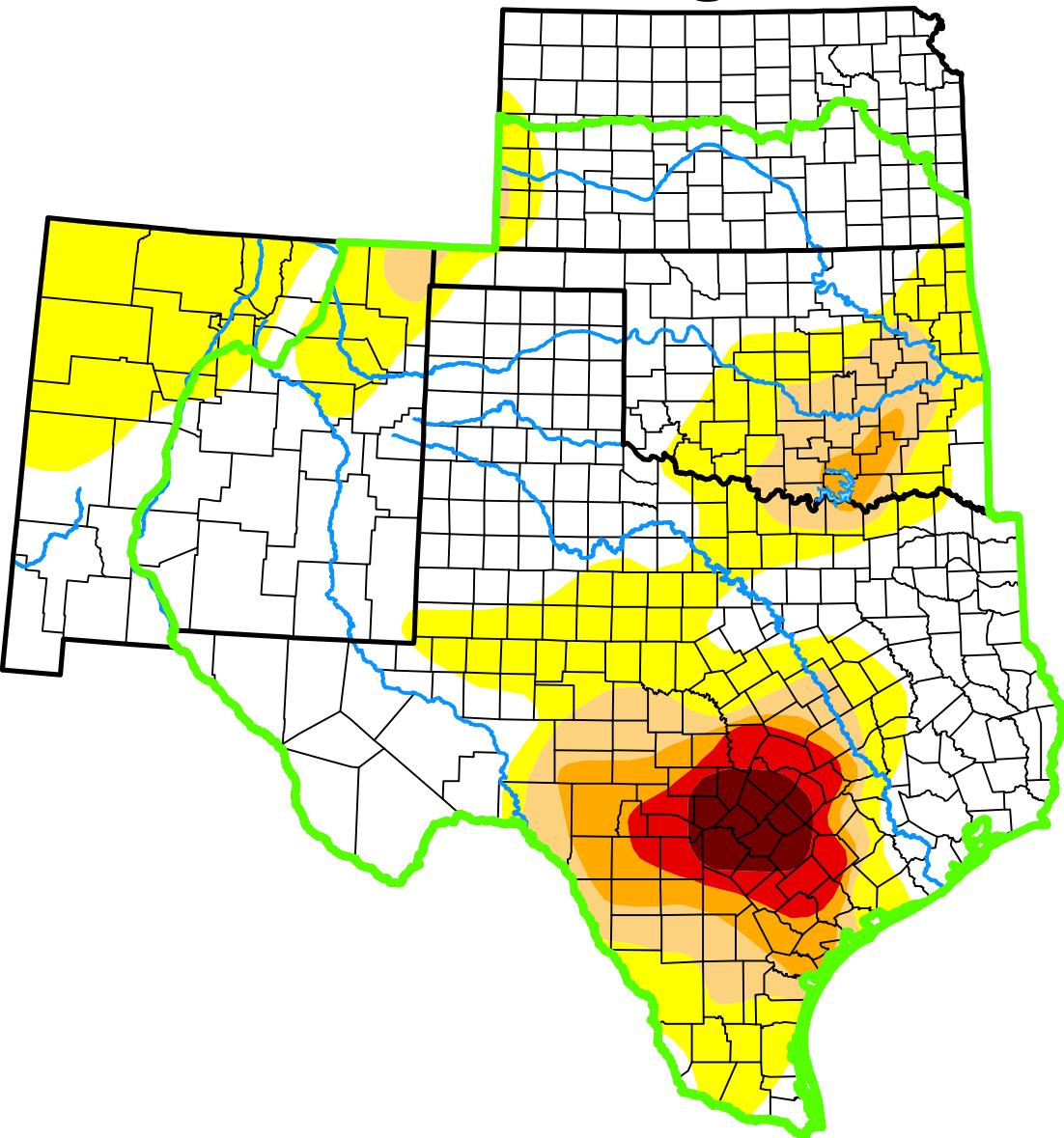


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.66	41.34	19.12	9.71	4.89	1.93
Last Week 12-02-2008	60.61	39.39	16.69	8.57	4.49	0.75
3 Months Ago 09-09-2008	60.09	39.91	17.98	6.86	1.80	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2008	55.55	44.45	9.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2008	69.61	30.39	14.85	6.49	2.19	0.00
One Year Ago 12-11-2007	48.47	51.53	7.24	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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