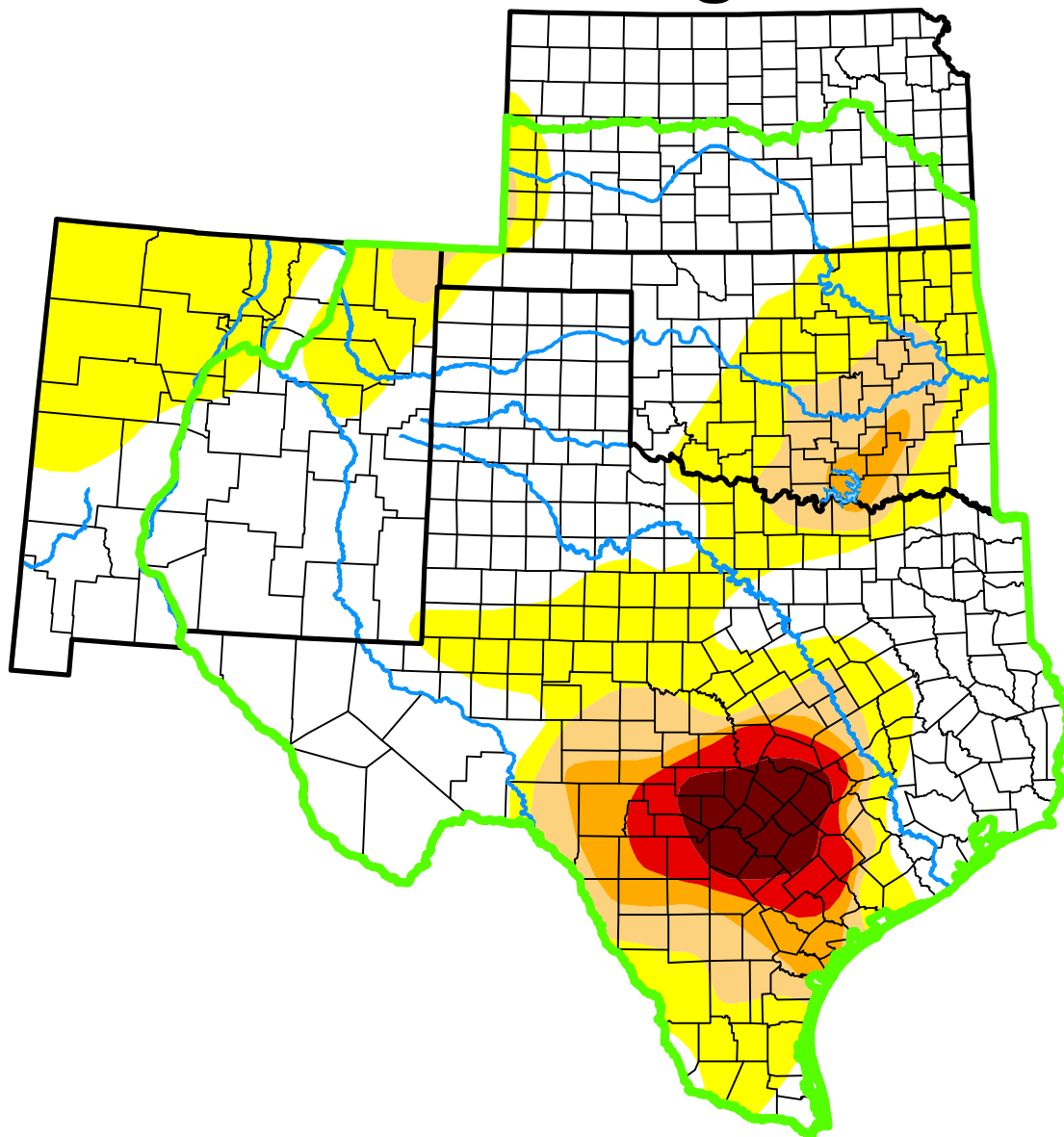


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 16, 2008

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.66	24.22	9.41	4.25	2.96	2.50
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	58.66	22.22	9.41	4.82	2.96	1.93
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	72.38	12.27	9.93	3.97	1.44	0.00
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>12-18-2007</i>	63.11	32.28	4.61	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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