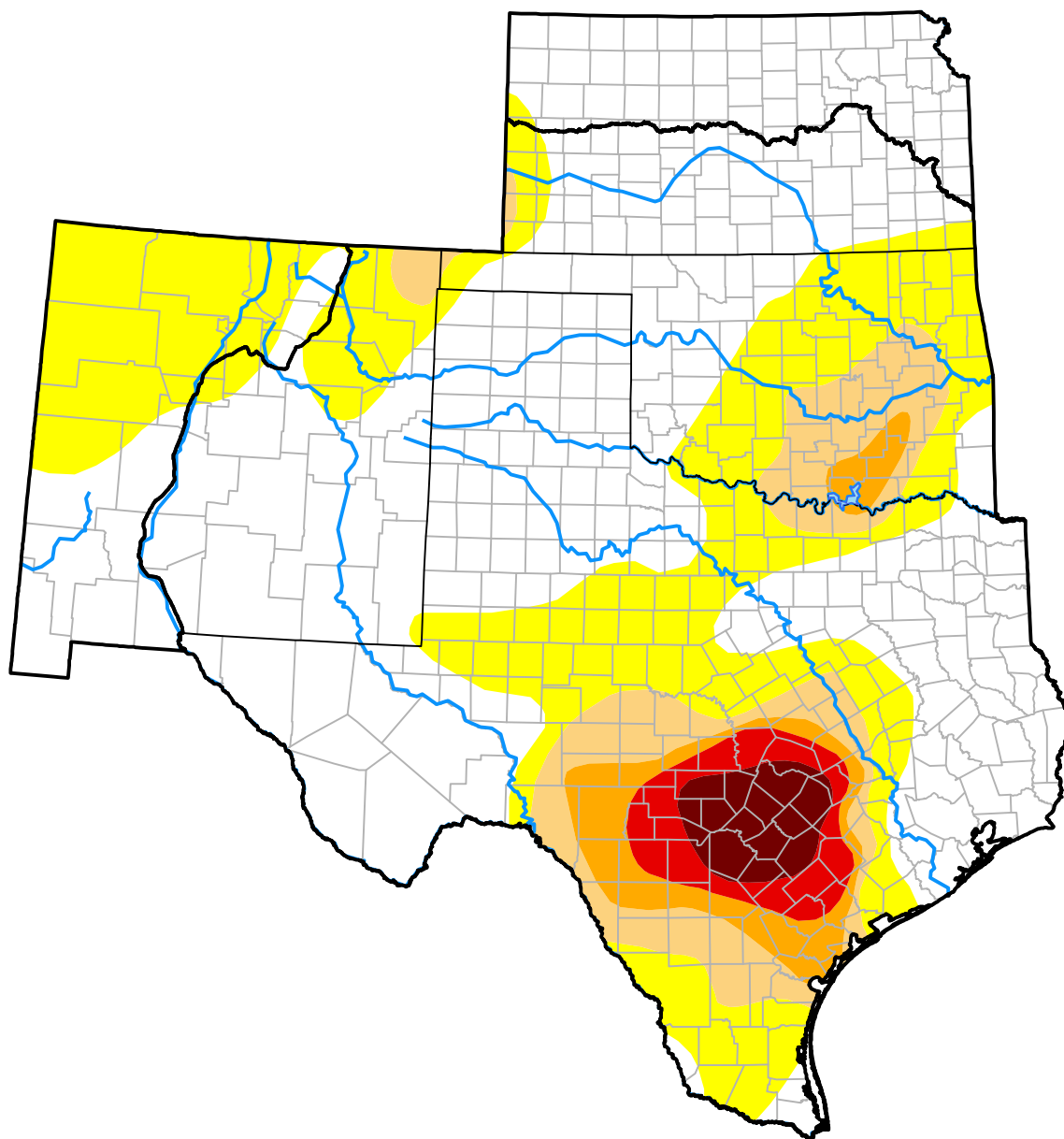


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.96	48.04	18.31	9.36	5.27	2.41
Last Week <i>12-11-2008</i>	53.58	46.42	18.31	9.36	4.71	1.86
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2008</i>	73.16	26.84	13.40	5.03	1.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	59.56	40.44	8.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	29.51	12.92	6.06	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2007</i>	66.84	33.16	3.58	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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