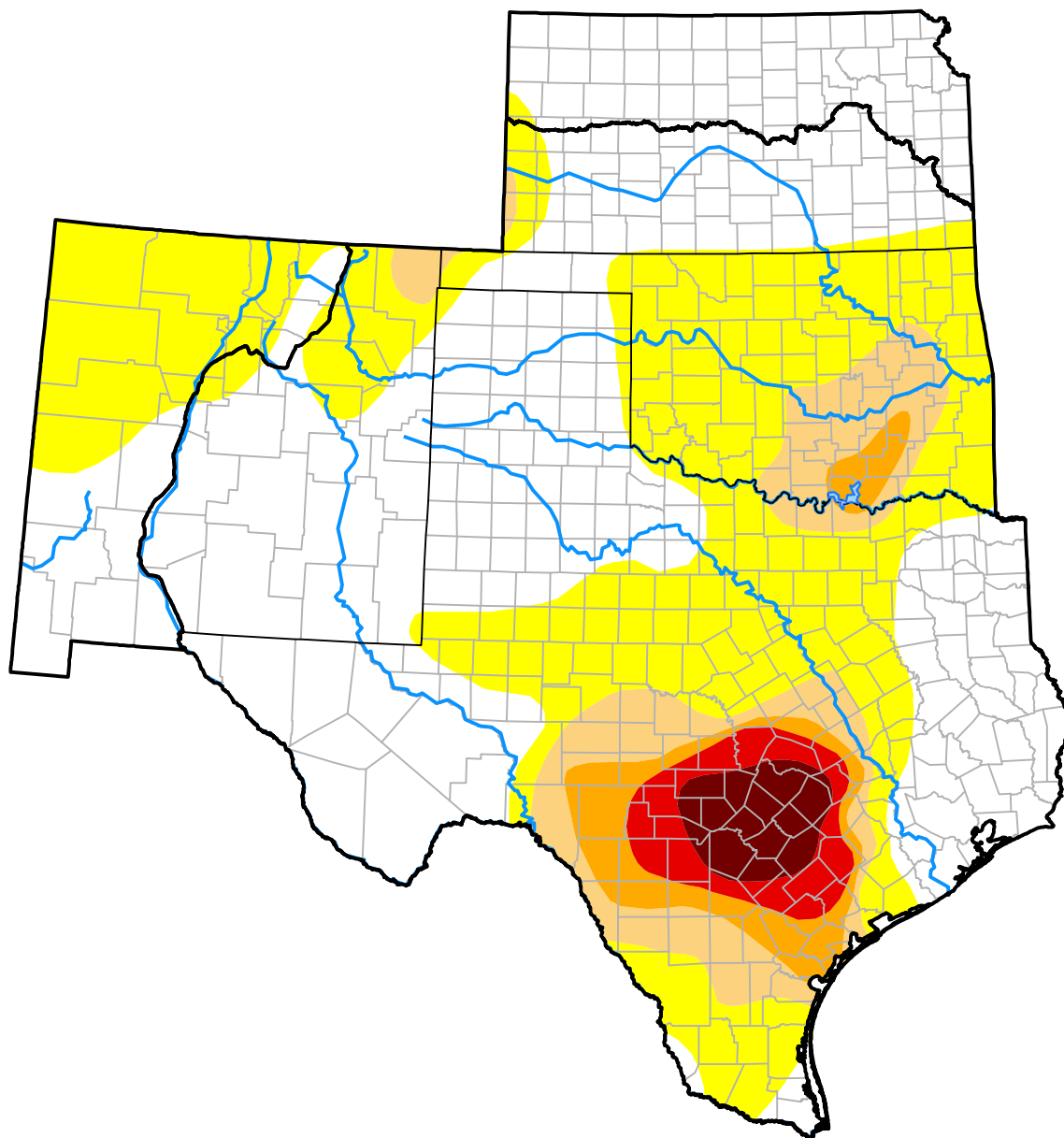


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**December 23, 2008**  
*(Released Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 44.63 | 37.07 | 8.95 | 4.09 | 2.86 | 2.41 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-18-2008</i>              | 51.96 | 29.73 | 8.95 | 4.09 | 2.86 | 2.41 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-25-2008</i>           | 72.69 | 13.73 | 7.39 | 4.57 | 1.62 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2008</i> | 59.56 | 32.36 | 8.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 70.49 | 16.59 | 6.85 | 3.95 | 2.11 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-27-2007</i>           | 66.84 | 29.58 | 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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