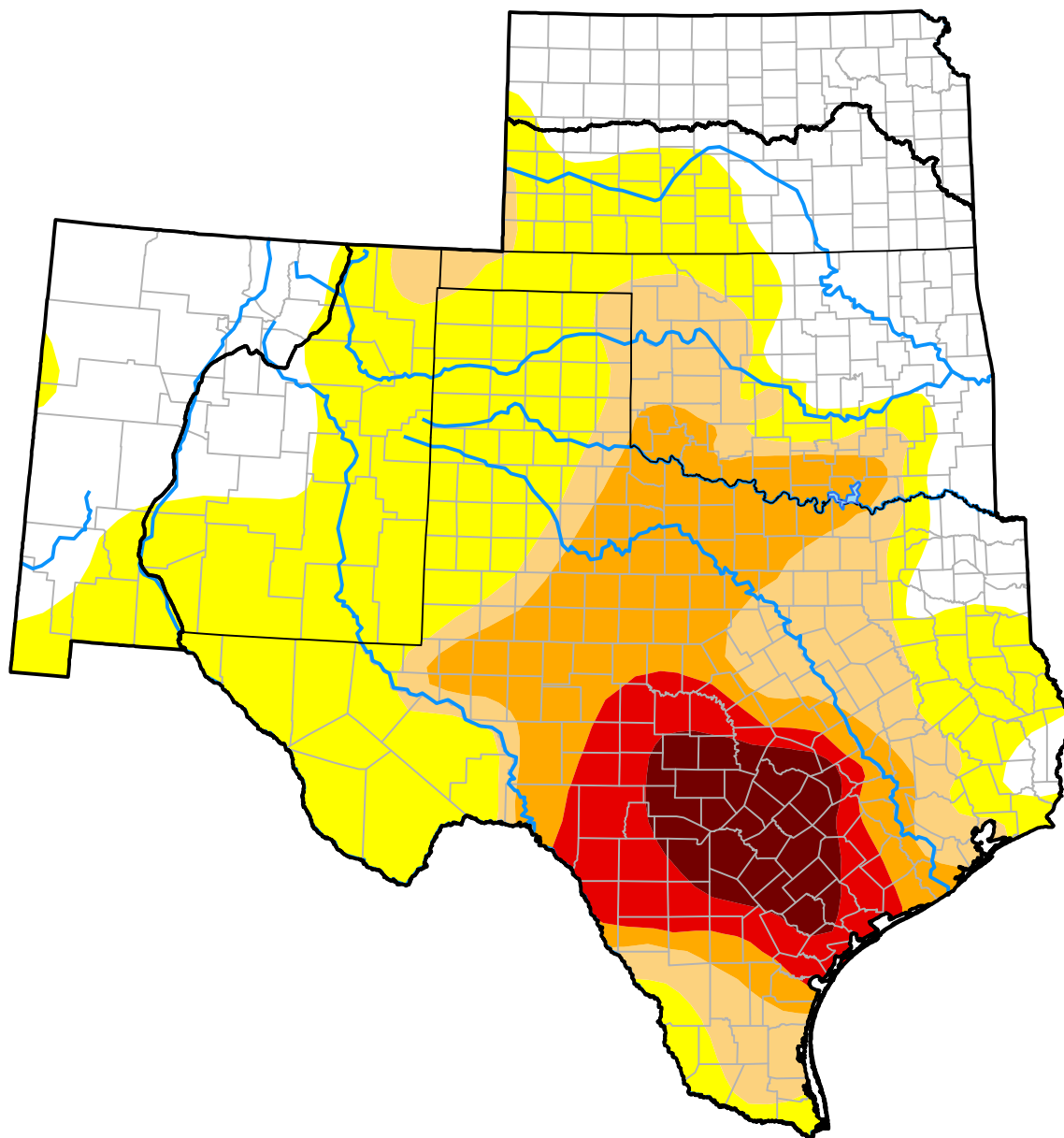


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	21.74	36.26	15.13	15.29	6.61	4.97
Last Week <i>02-12-2009</i>	18.81	33.62	19.32	16.89	6.95	4.42
3 Months Ago <i>11-20-2008</i>	61.79	23.86	6.19	4.56	3.60	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	30.95	7.26	3.94	2.86	2.41
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	16.59	6.85	3.95	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-21-2008</i>	38.56	35.21	17.64	7.71	0.88	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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