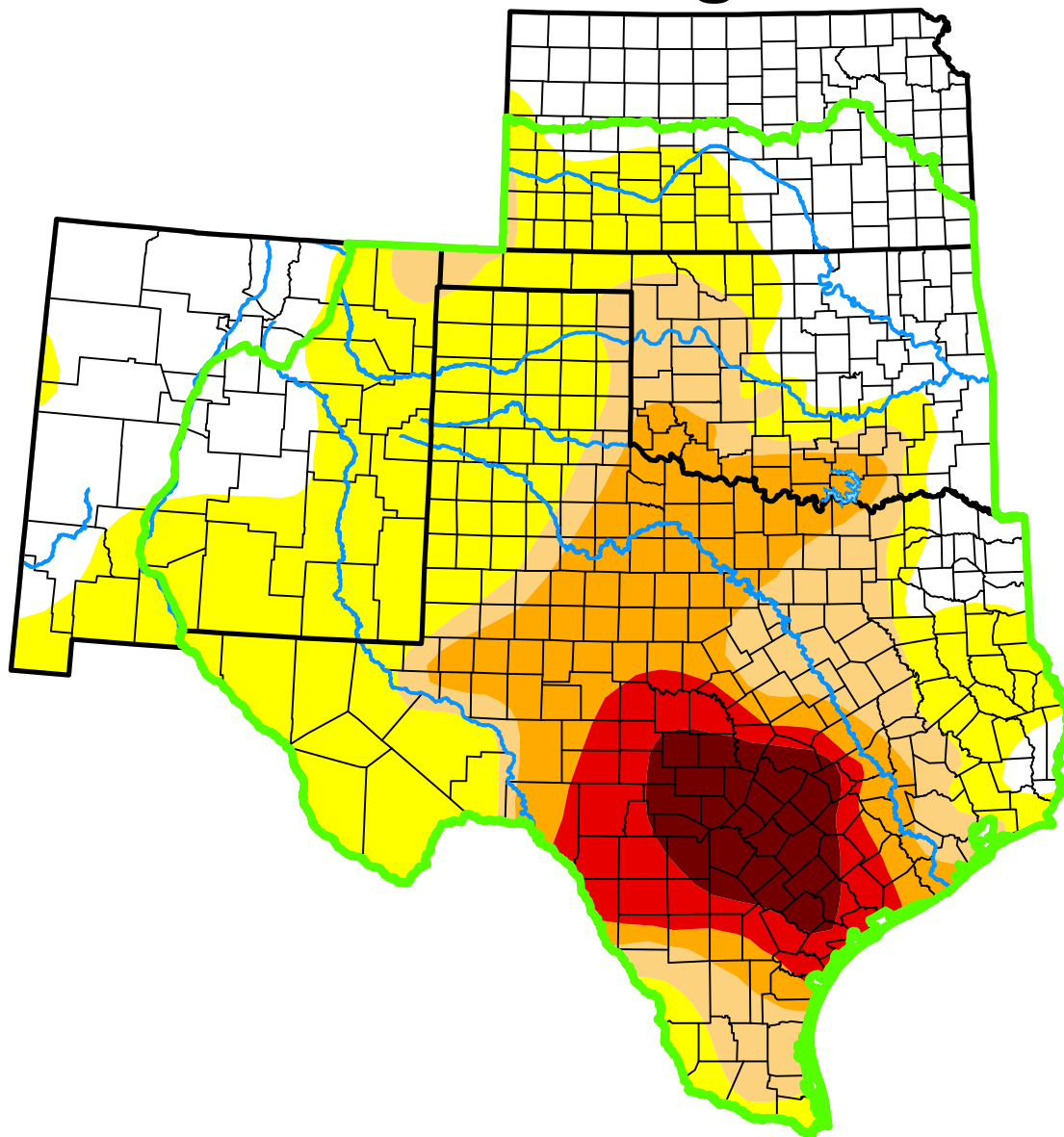


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	17.19	82.81	43.75	27.87	12.01	5.15
Last Week <i>02-10-2009</i>	14.03	85.97	49.53	29.31	11.79	4.58
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2008</i>	67.28	32.72	15.01	8.46	3.73	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	44.40	17.22	9.56	5.47	2.50
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	30.39	14.85	6.49	2.19	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-19-2008</i>	35.20	64.80	28.10	8.91	0.92	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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