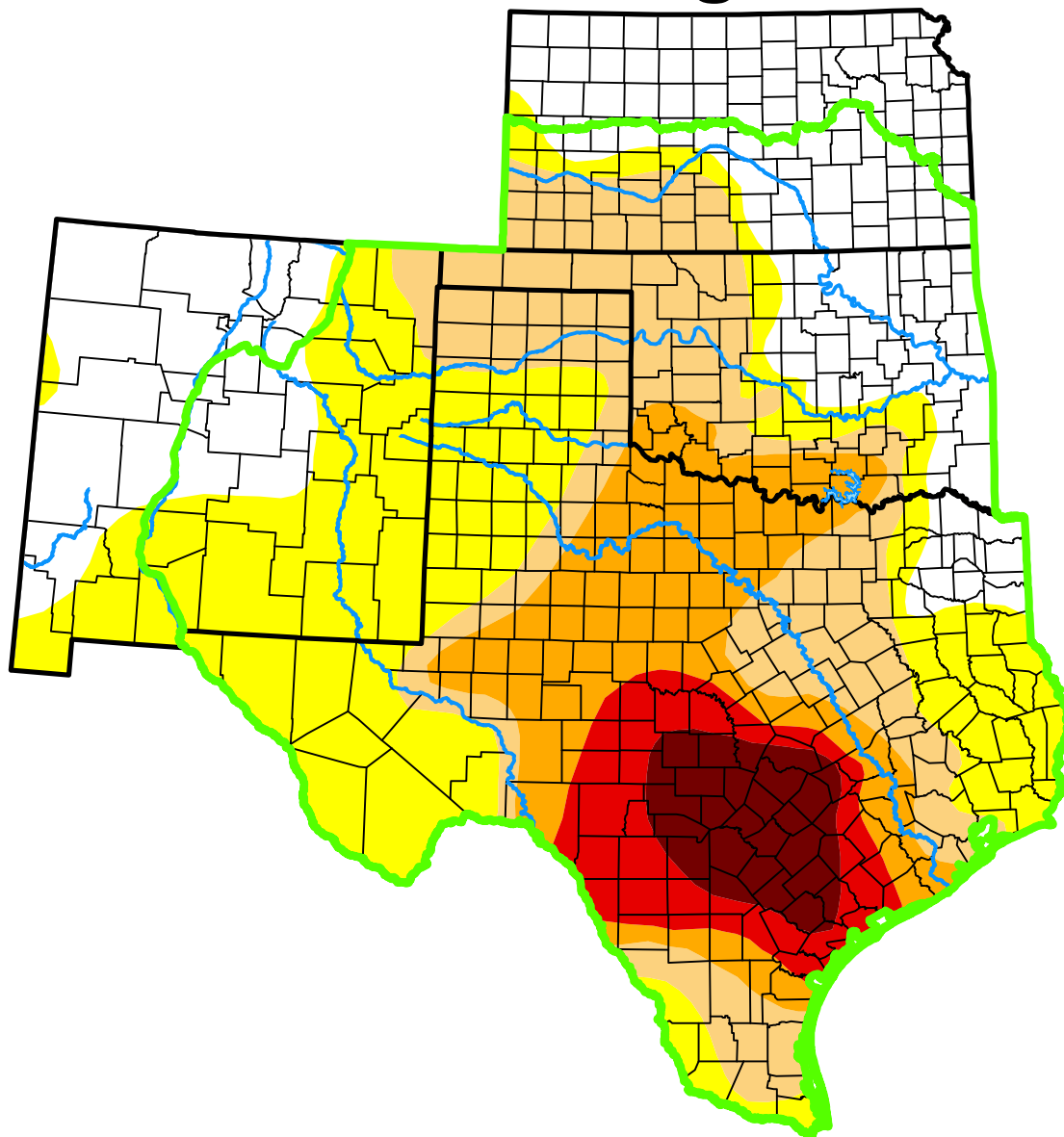


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS

### and Surrounding Areas



**February 24, 2009**

*(Released Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 16.60 | 83.40 | 50.64 | 27.87 | 12.01 | 5.15 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-17-2009</i>              | 17.19 | 82.81 | 43.75 | 27.87 | 12.01 | 5.15 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-25-2008</i>           | 63.97 | 36.03 | 16.52 | 8.57  | 4.29  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 55.60 | 44.40 | 17.22 | 9.56  | 5.47  | 2.50 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 69.61 | 30.39 | 14.85 | 6.49  | 2.19  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-26-2008</i>           | 35.36 | 64.64 | 30.21 | 11.64 | 1.21  | 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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