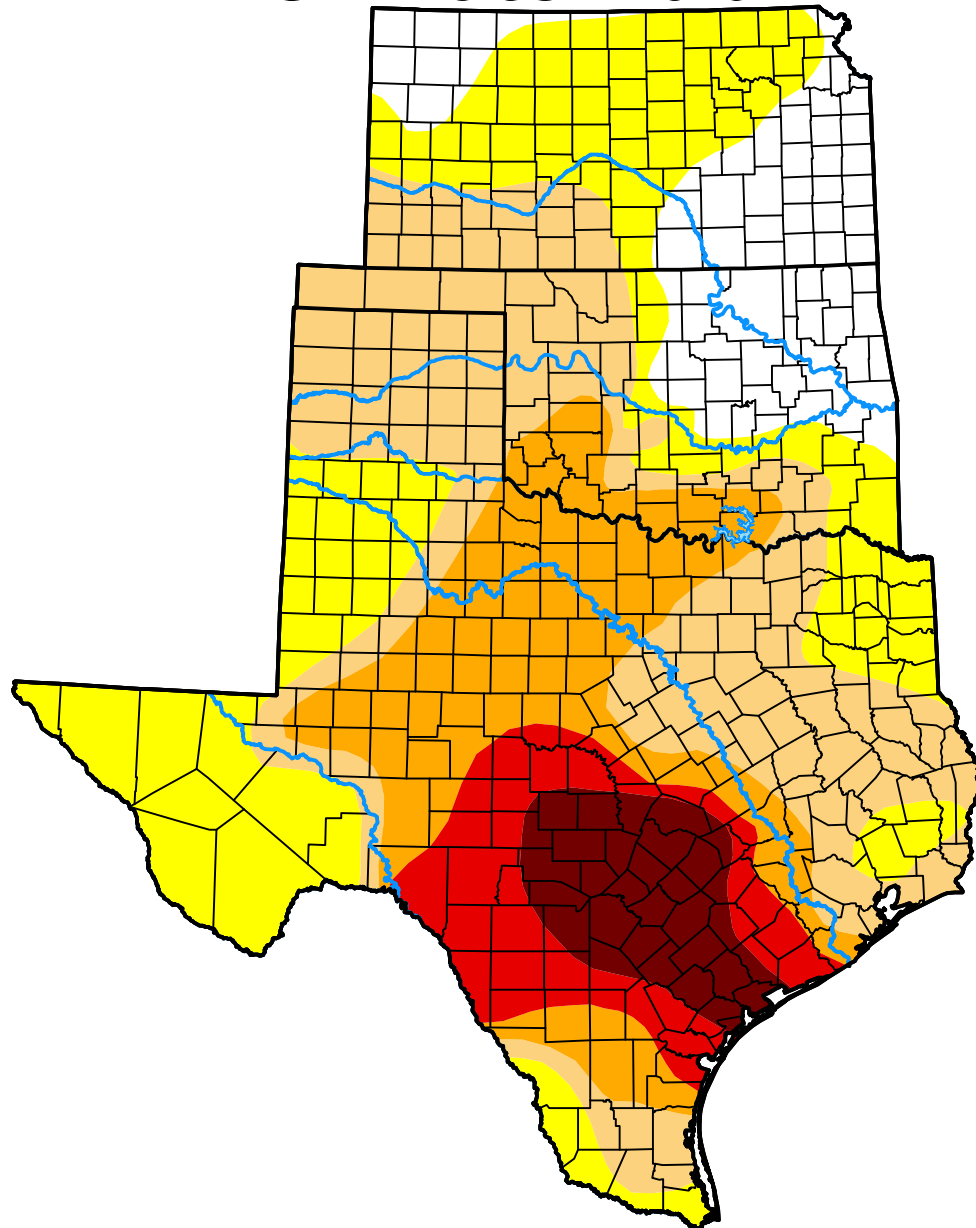


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.88	28.32	28.02	16.99	7.69	6.09
Last Week <i>02-24-2009</i>	23.84	23.39	23.38	16.72	7.23	5.44
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2008</i>	61.64	21.20	8.12	4.30	3.95	0.79
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	26.16	7.65	4.31	3.12	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	73.18	11.60	8.38	4.53	2.31	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-04-2008</i>	41.79	26.74	15.45	14.74	1.28	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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