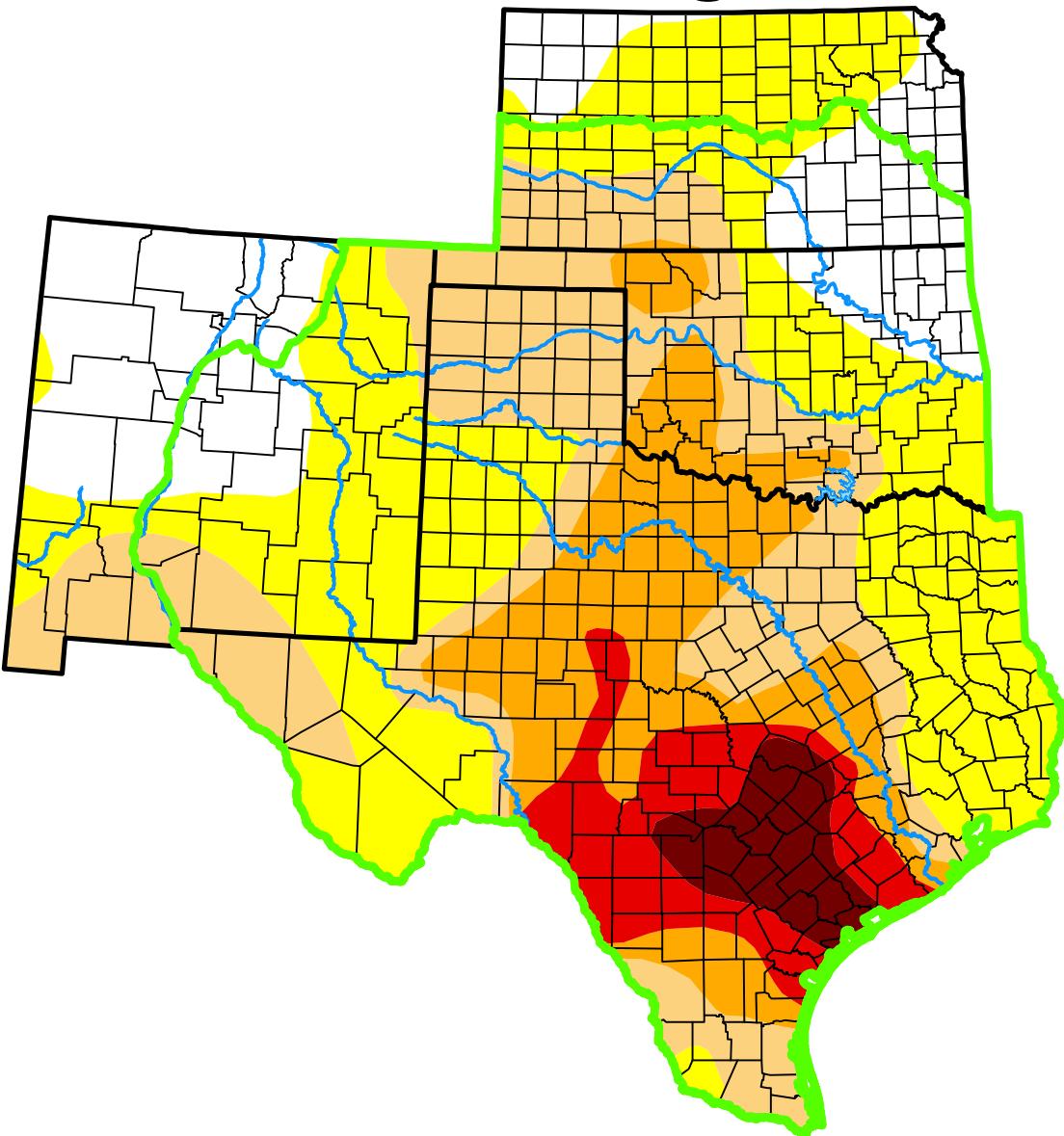


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 | 9.23 | 90.77 | 55.78 | 29.77 | 11.93 | 4.27 |
| Last Week 03-10-2009 | 9.23 | 90.77 | 64.49 | 30.39 | 13.52 | 5.78 |
| 3 Months Ago 12-16-2008 | 56.66 | 43.34 | 19.12 | 9.71 | 5.47 | 2.50 |
| Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008 | 55.60 | 44.40 | 17.22 | 9.56 | 5.47 | 2.50 |
| Start of Water Year 09-30-2008 | 69.61 | 30.39 | 14.85 | 6.49 | 2.19 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 03-18-2008 | 38.27 | 61.73 | 43.78 | 9.50 | 2.36 | 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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