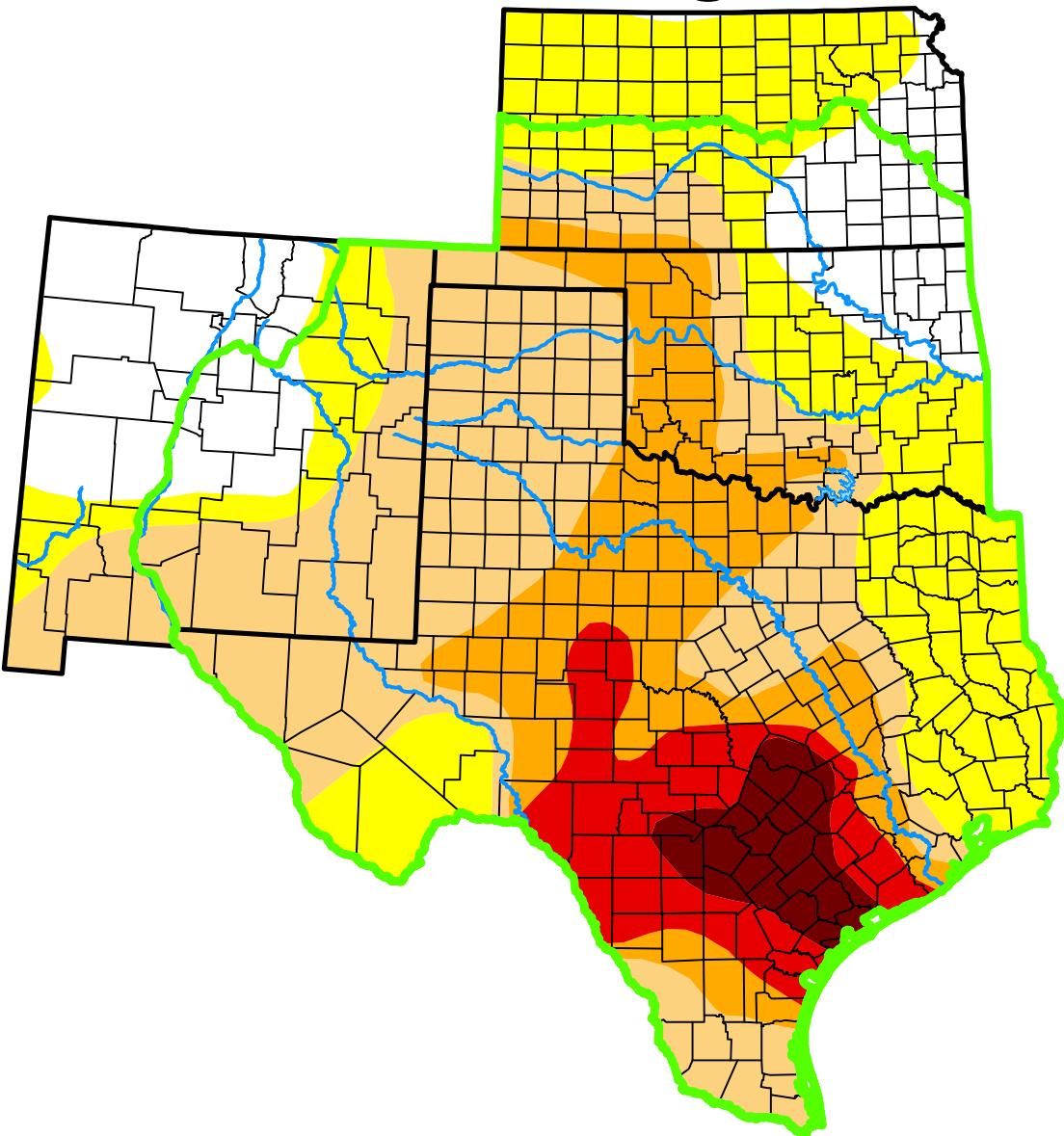


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Current                                 | 9.24  | 23.47 | 35.74 | 18.56 | 8.72 | 4.27 |
| Last Week<br>03-17-2009                 | 9.23  | 35.00 | 26.00 | 17.84 | 7.67 | 4.27 |
| 3 Months Ago<br>12-23-2008              | 48.89 | 31.99 | 9.41  | 4.25  | 2.96 | 2.50 |
| Start of<br>Calendar Year<br>12-30-2008 | 55.60 | 27.18 | 7.66  | 4.09  | 2.96 | 2.50 |
| Start of<br>Water Year<br>09-30-2008    | 69.61 | 15.54 | 8.36  | 4.30  | 2.19 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago<br>03-25-2008              | 39.66 | 23.94 | 29.59 | 4.45  | 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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