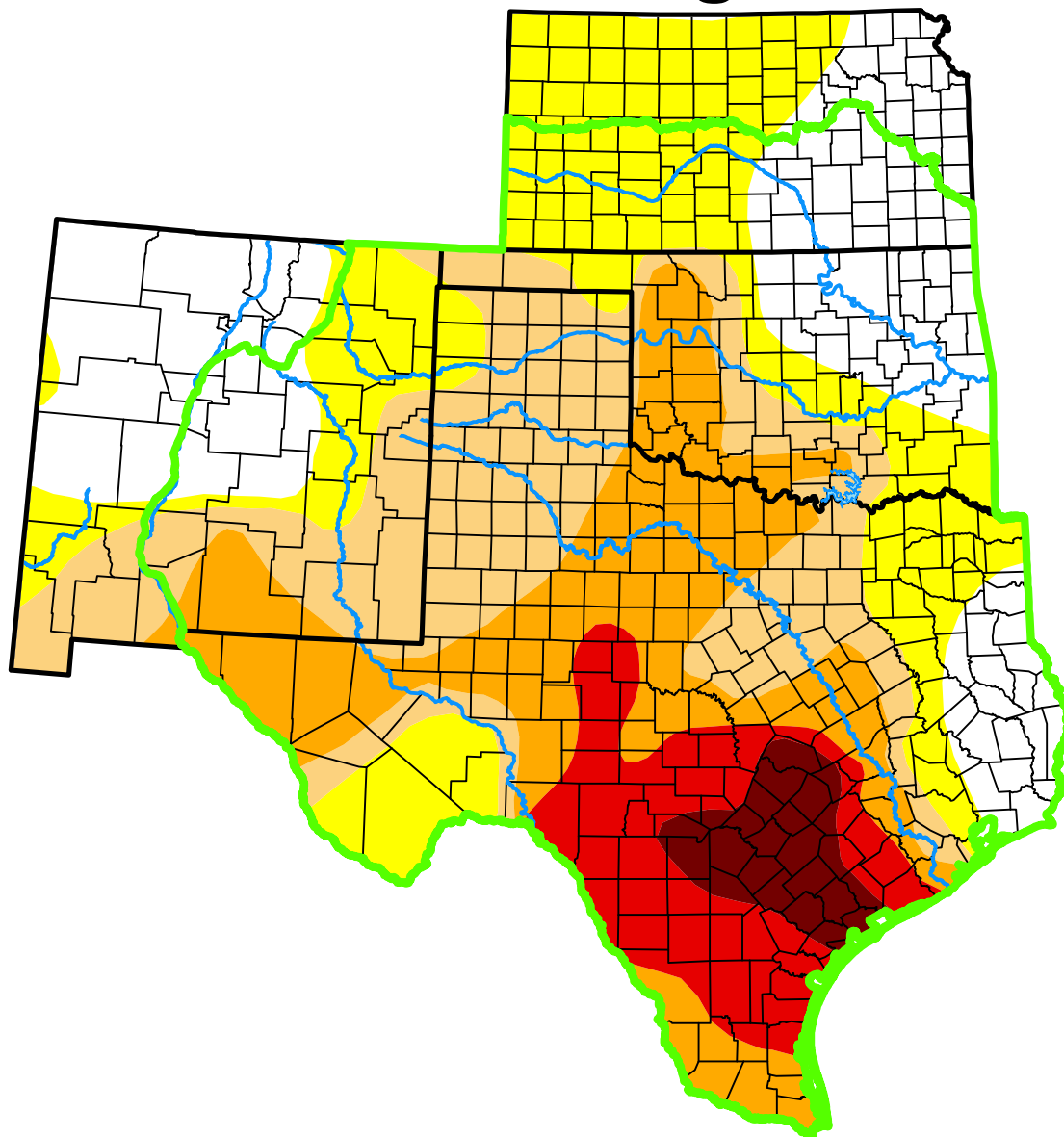


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 16.46 | 21.94 | 24.40 | 22.36 | 10.57 | 4.27 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-31-2009</i>                  | 16.46 | 18.27 | 31.41 | 19.01 | 10.57 | 4.27 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-06-2009</i>               | 49.39 | 33.40 | 7.66  | 4.09  | 2.96  | 2.50 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 55.60 | 27.18 | 7.66  | 4.09  | 2.96  | 2.50 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 69.61 | 15.54 | 8.36  | 4.30  | 2.19  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-08-2008</i>               | 35.75 | 20.16 | 35.72 | 2.38  | 5.99  | 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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