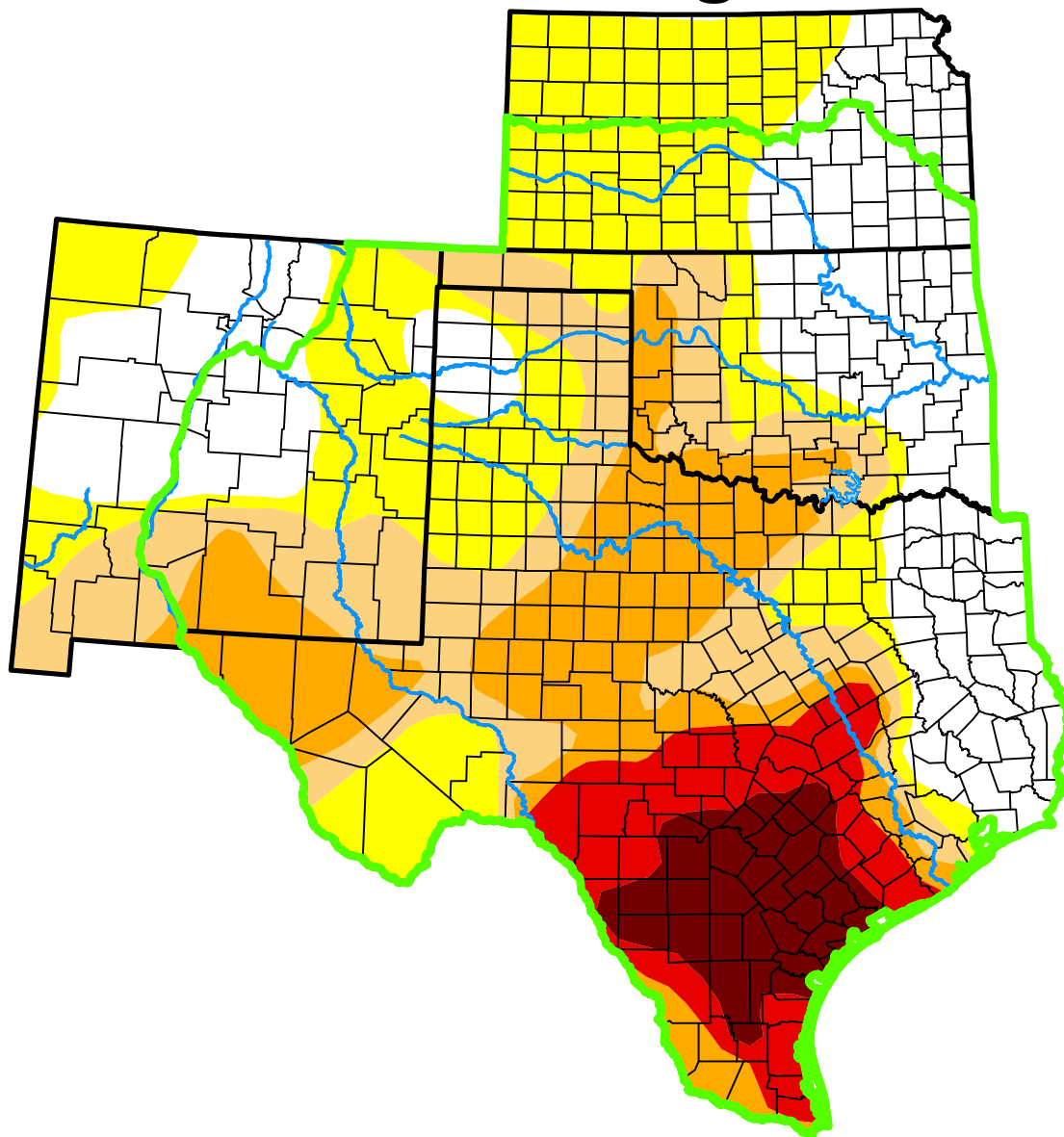


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	23.72	23.36	18.81	18.98	8.21	6.93
Last Week <i>04-07-2009</i>	16.46	21.94	24.40	22.36	10.57	4.27
3 Months Ago <i>01-13-2009</i>	37.32	31.76	17.80	4.05	6.57	2.50
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	27.18	7.66	4.09	2.96	2.50
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	15.54	8.36	4.30	2.19	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-15-2008</i>	41.95	15.35	26.66	9.68	4.35	2.00

(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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