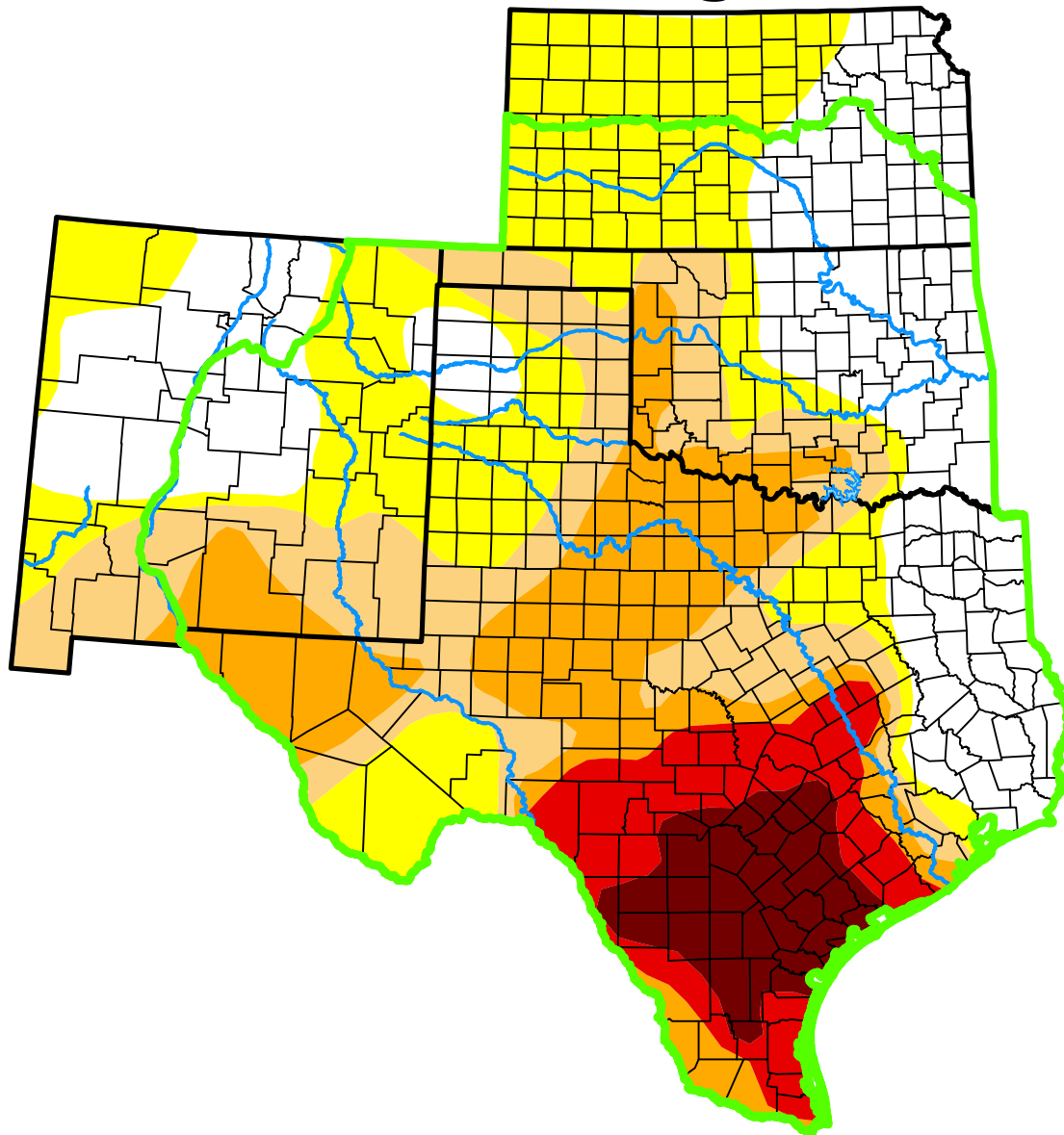


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	23.72	76.28	52.92	34.11	15.13	6.93
Last Week <i>04-07-2009</i>	16.46	83.54	61.60	37.20	14.84	4.27
3 Months Ago <i>01-13-2009</i>	37.32	62.68	30.92	13.12	9.07	2.50
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	44.40	17.22	9.56	5.47	2.50
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	30.39	14.85	6.49	2.19	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-15-2008</i>	41.95	58.05	42.69	16.03	6.35	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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