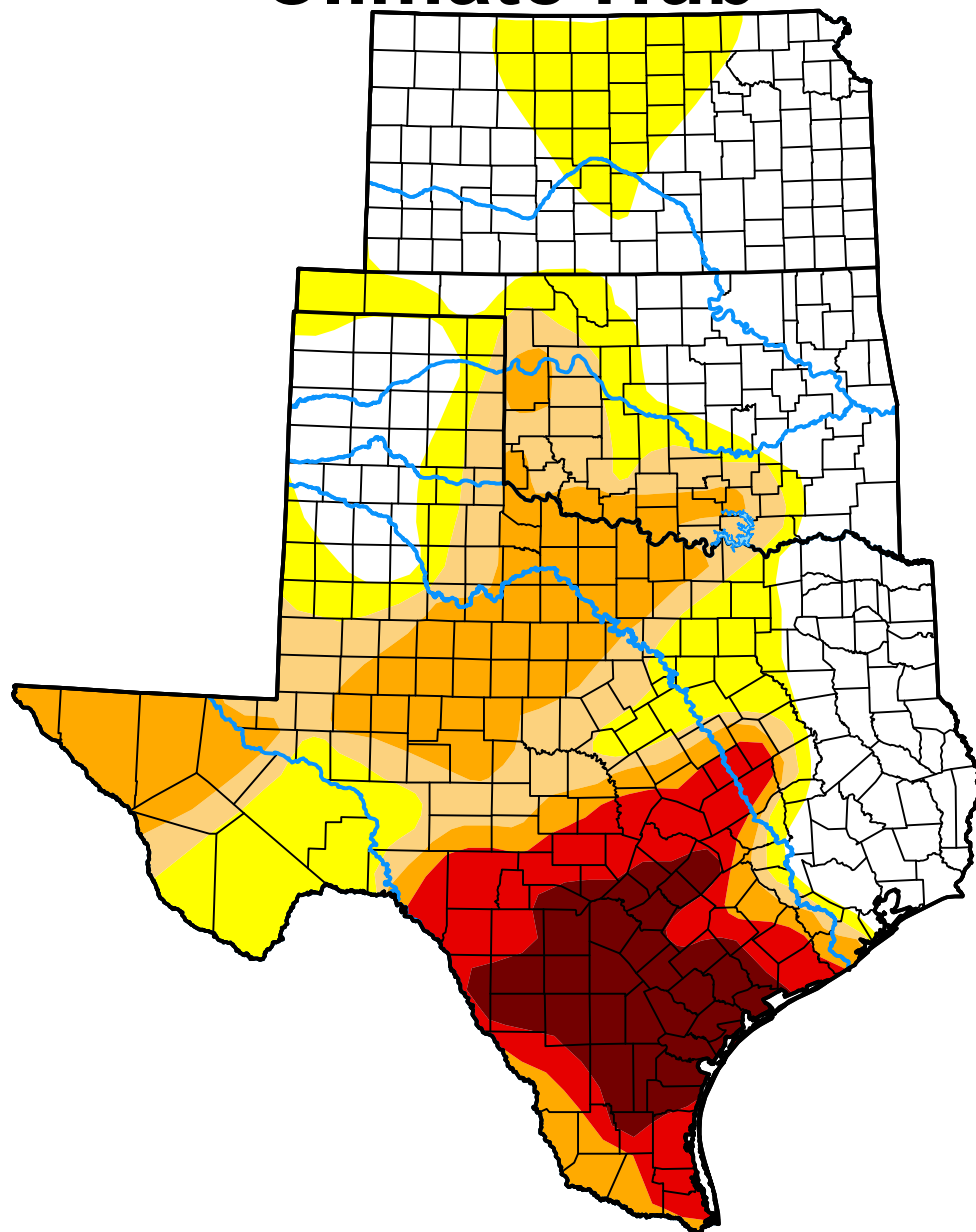


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.22	19.44	12.71	16.19	7.32	7.12
Last Week <i>04-14-2009</i>	24.76	25.36	15.66	18.25	8.65	7.31
3 Months Ago <i>01-20-2009</i>	40.00	26.04	19.08	4.69	7.55	2.64
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	26.16	7.65	4.31	3.12	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	73.18	11.60	8.38	4.53	2.31	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-22-2008</i>	51.14	16.10	21.04	5.02	4.59	2.11

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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