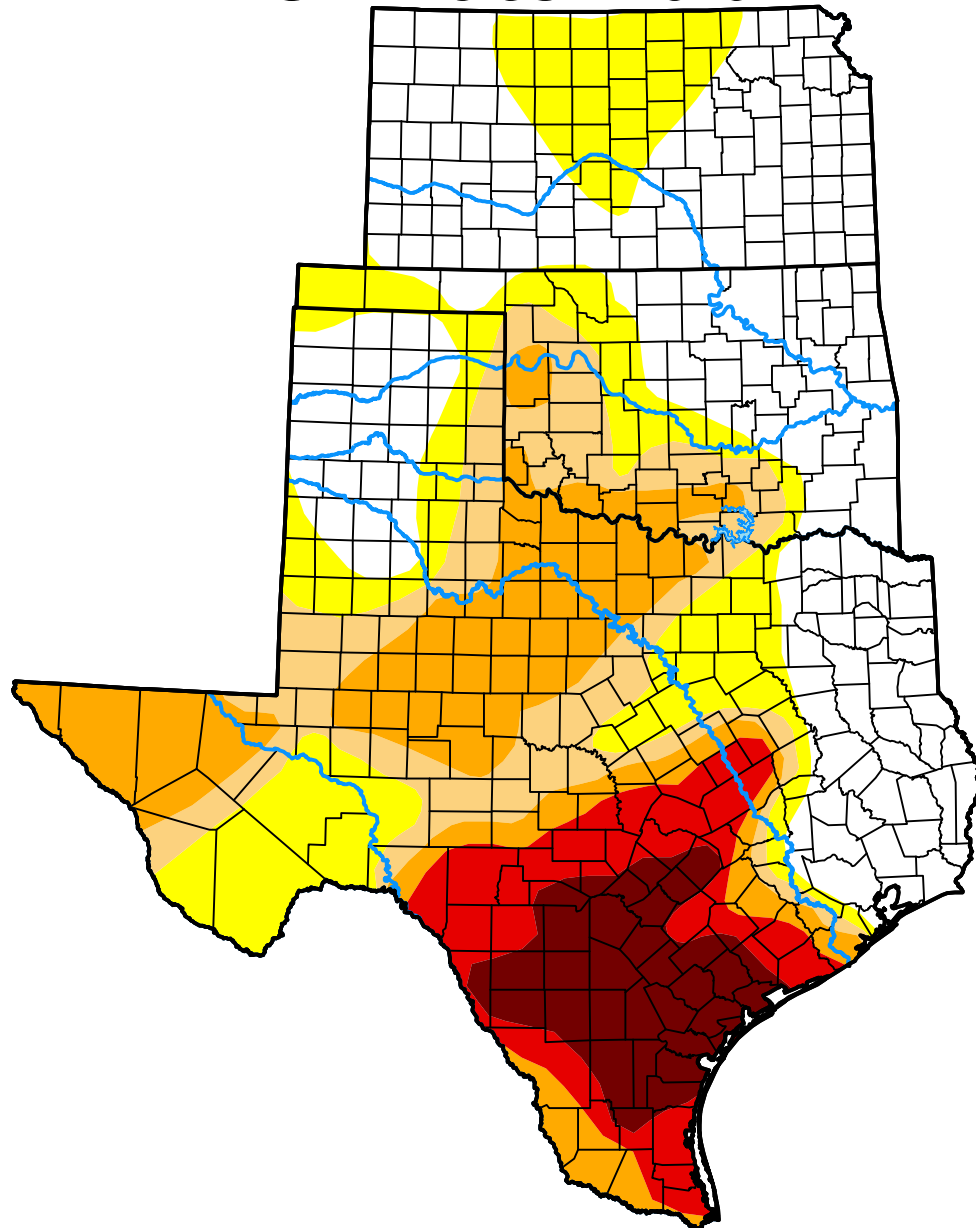


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.22	62.78	43.34	30.63	14.44	7.12
Last Week <i>04-14-2009</i>	24.76	75.24	49.88	34.21	15.96	7.31
3 Months Ago <i>01-20-2009</i>	40.00	60.00	33.96	14.88	10.19	2.64
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	43.88	17.73	10.08	5.76	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	73.18	26.82	15.22	6.84	2.31	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-22-2008</i>	51.14	48.86	32.75	11.72	6.70	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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