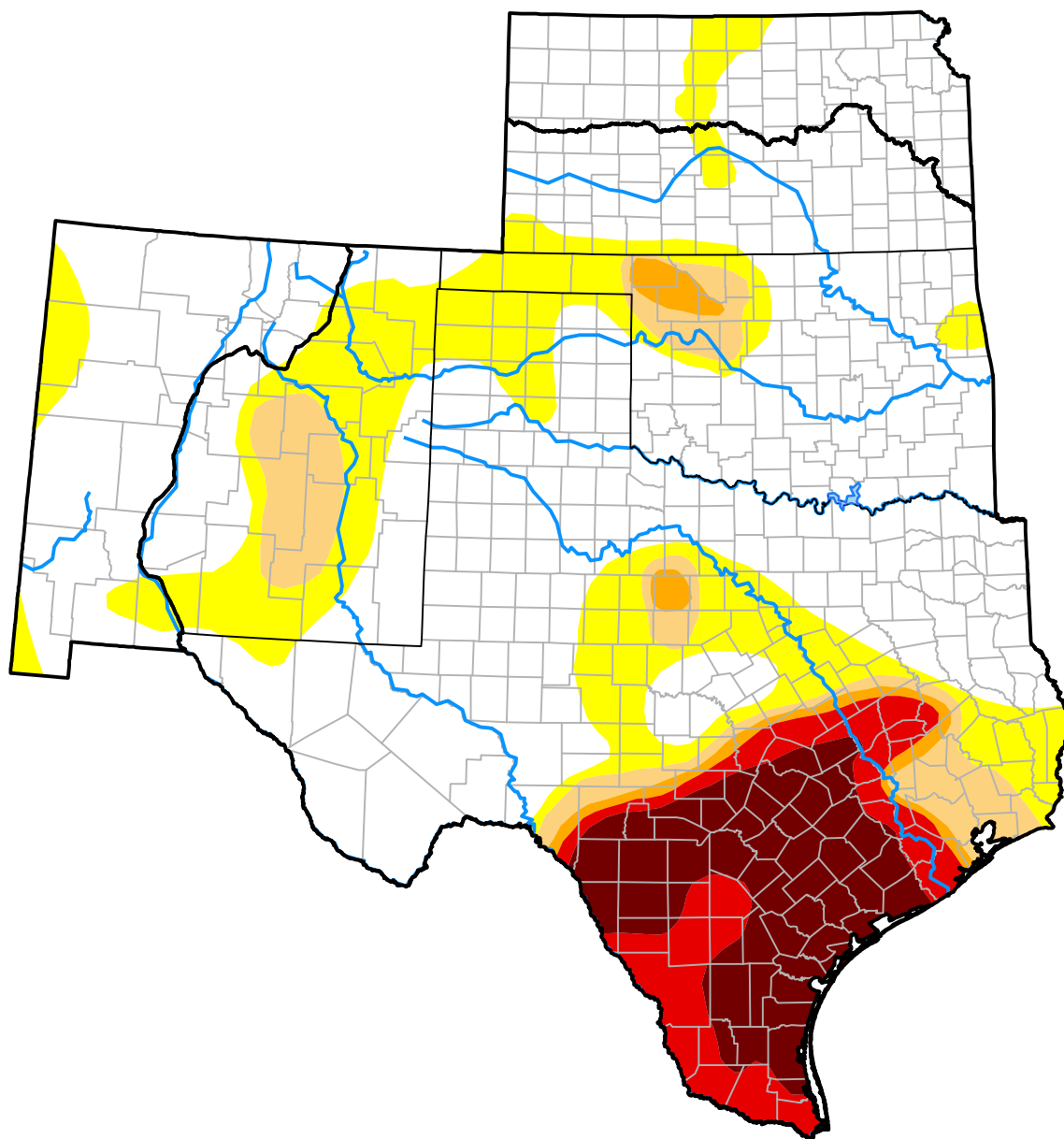


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**August 11, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 57.48 | 42.52 | 23.70 | 17.30 | 15.45 | 9.77 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-06-2009</i>              | 56.59 | 43.41 | 24.44 | 17.62 | 15.45 | 9.77 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-14-2009</i>           | 37.81 | 62.19 | 41.90 | 26.84 | 13.75 | 8.65 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 52.57 | 47.43 | 16.48 | 9.21  | 5.27  | 2.41 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 70.49 | 29.51 | 12.92 | 6.06  | 2.11  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-14-2008</i>           | 36.14 | 63.86 | 36.75 | 20.73 | 12.46 | 2.35 |

### 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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