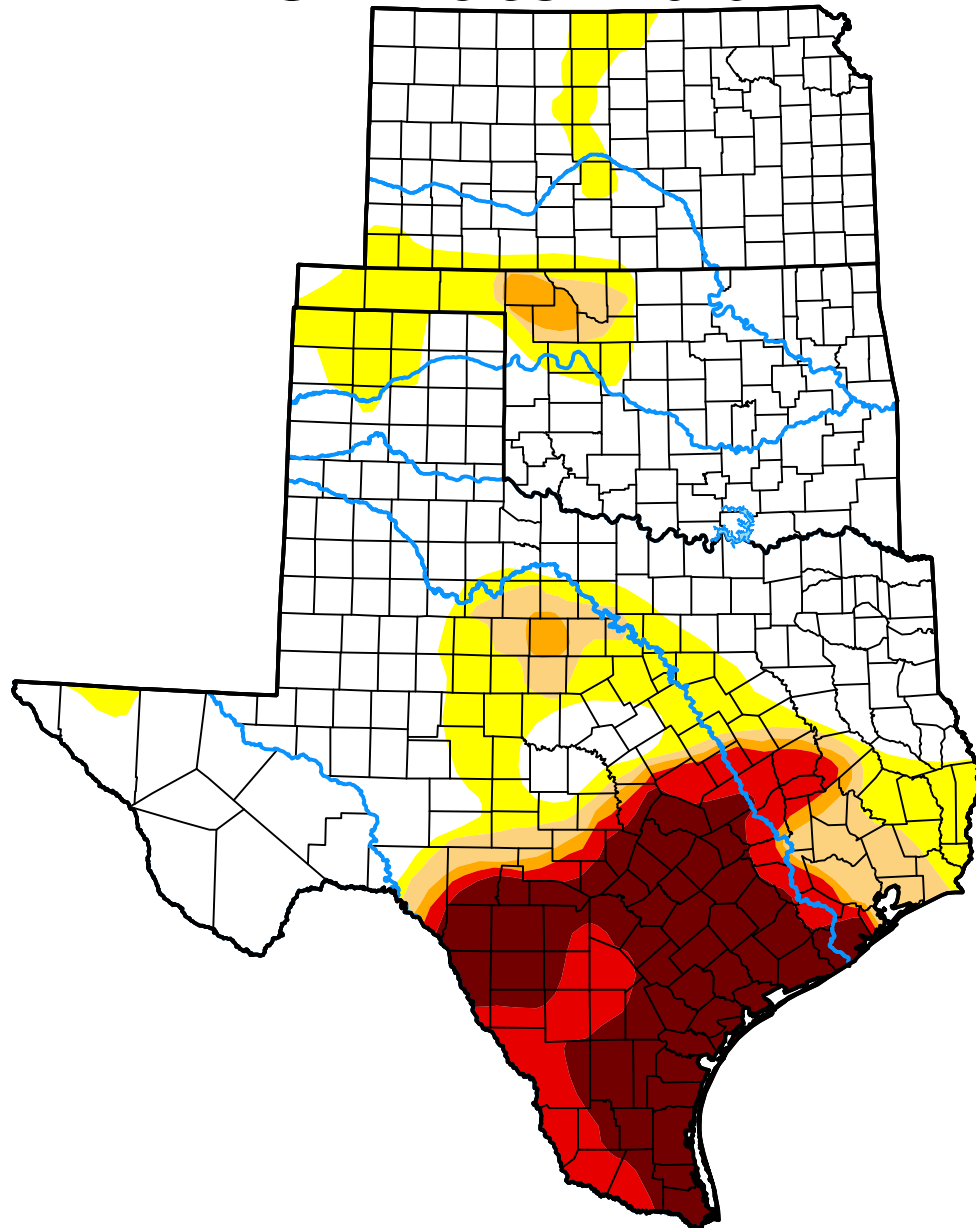


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**August 18, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 62.85 | 37.15 | 23.46 | 18.83 | 16.97 | 11.51 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-11-2009</i>              | 61.97 | 38.03 | 23.42 | 18.93 | 16.90 | 10.69 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-19-2009</i>           | 54.00 | 46.00 | 33.15 | 23.05 | 13.00 | 5.40  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 56.12 | 43.88 | 17.73 | 10.08 | 5.76  | 2.64  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 73.18 | 26.82 | 15.22 | 6.84  | 2.31  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-19-2008</i>           | 46.93 | 53.07 | 28.61 | 14.49 | 4.63  | 0.00  |

**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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