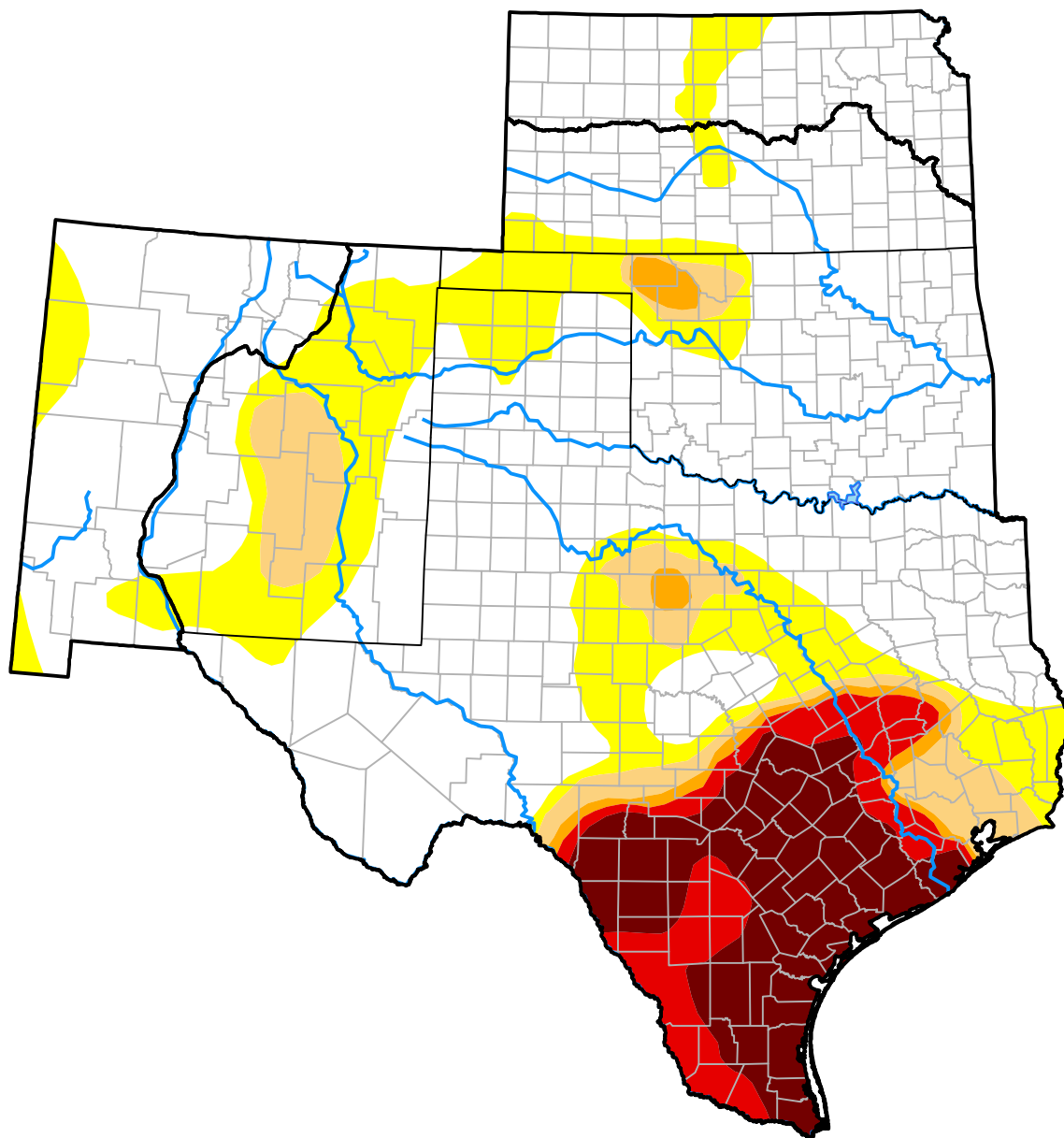


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.30	41.70	23.74	17.21	15.51	10.52
Last Week <i>08-13-2009</i>	57.48	42.52	23.70	17.30	15.45	9.77
3 Months Ago <i>05-21-2009</i>	38.37	61.63	43.69	28.10	11.88	4.94
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	47.43	16.48	9.21	5.27	2.41
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	29.51	12.92	6.06	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-21-2008</i>	46.97	53.03	25.30	13.15	4.23	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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