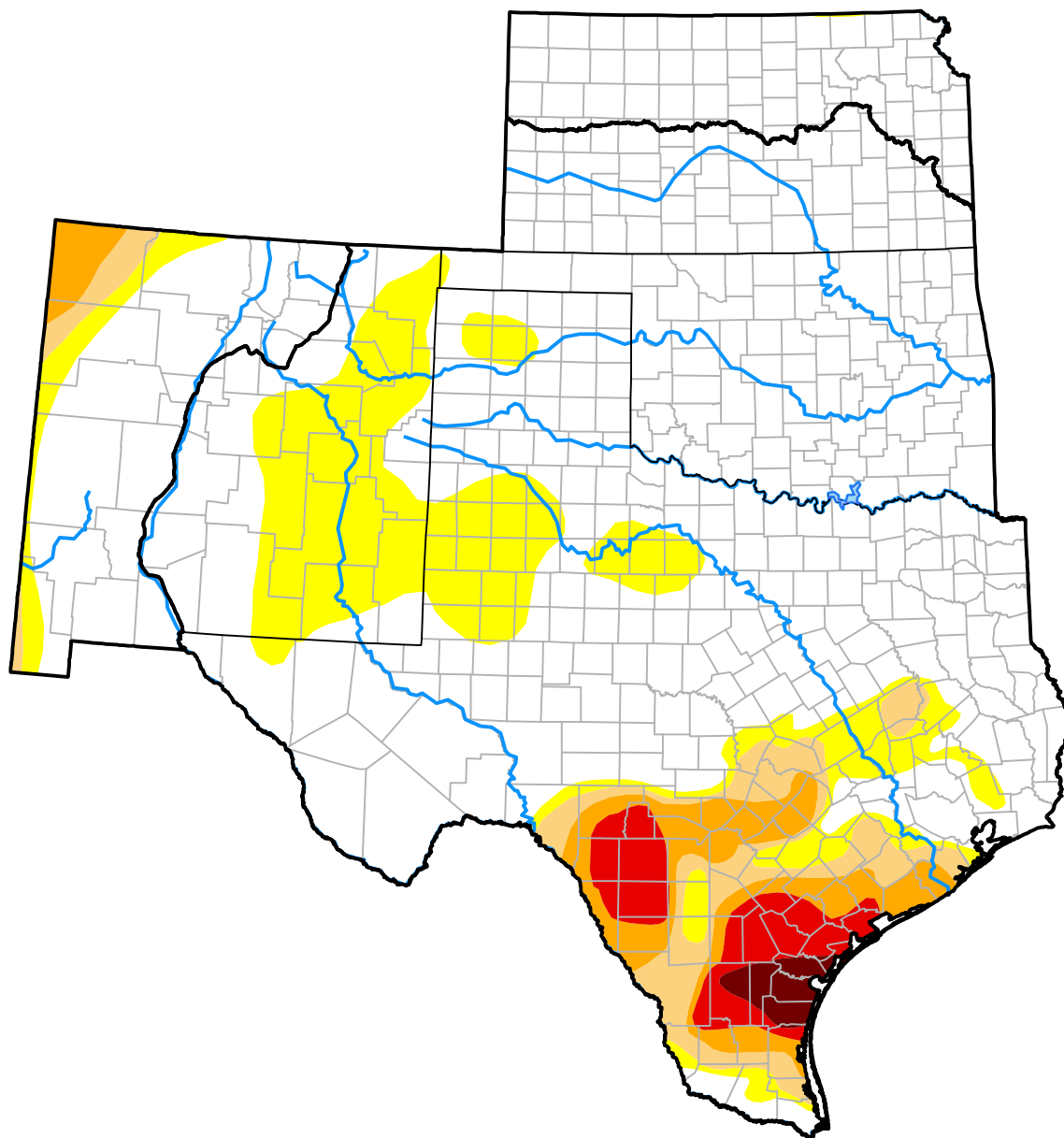


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	69.56	30.44	13.55	8.69	3.98	0.85
Last Week <i>10-15-2009</i>	74.08	25.92	13.53	8.48	3.62	0.85
3 Months Ago <i>07-23-2009</i>	38.54	61.46	31.68	18.22	14.31	9.58
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>10-01-2009</i>	71.51	28.49	16.94	12.74	7.15	1.82
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2008</i>	74.48	25.52	11.36	6.82	2.62	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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