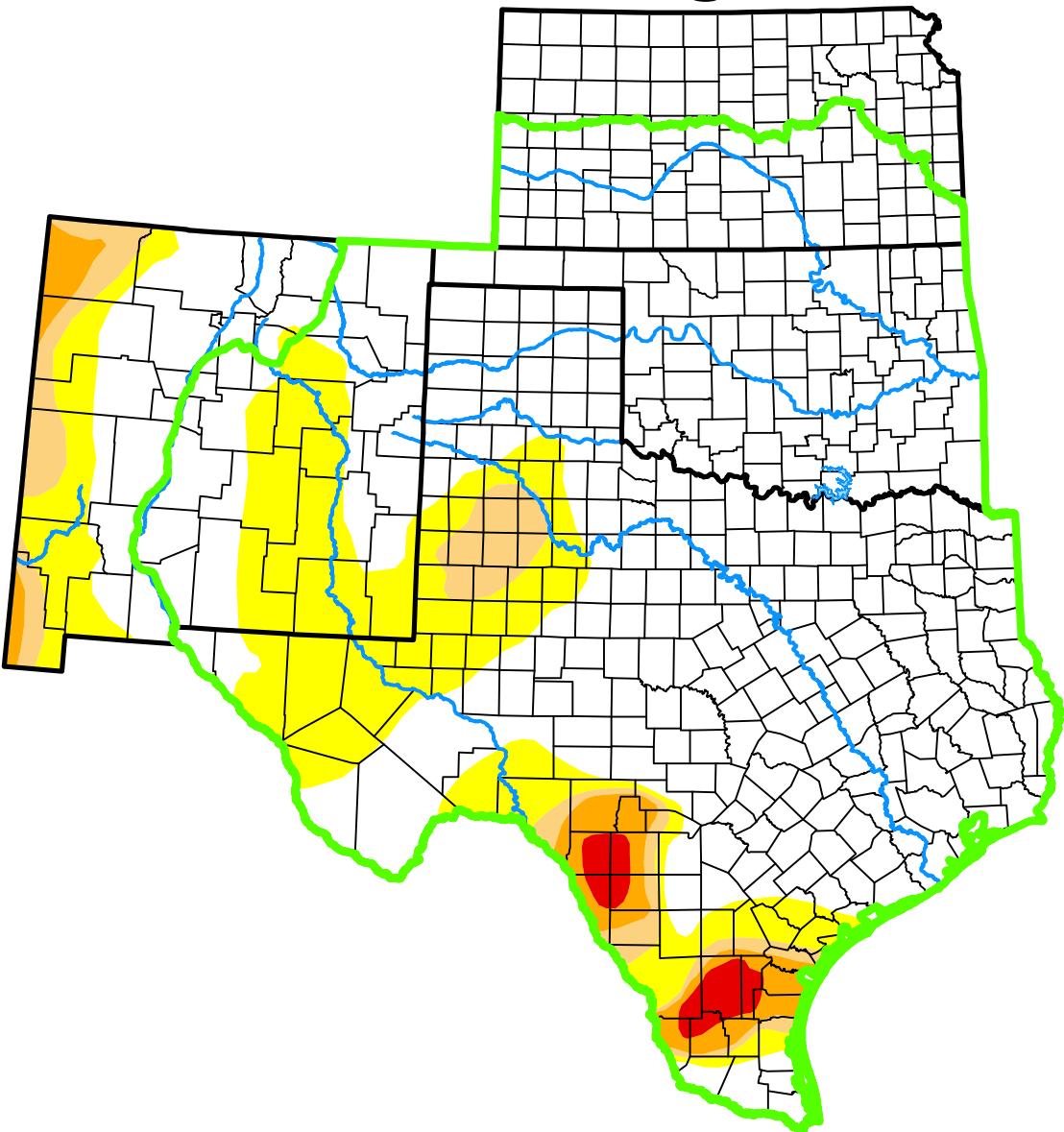


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.83	23.17	6.45	3.55	1.24	0.00
Last Week 12-01-2009	73.71	26.29	7.29	3.55	1.76	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-08-2009	60.33	39.67	24.39	17.18	15.02	9.68
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	55.60	44.40	17.22	9.56	5.47	2.50
Start of Water Year 09-29-2009	72.67	27.33	16.75	13.22	7.42	1.89
One Year Ago 12-09-2008	58.66	41.34	19.12	9.71	4.89	1.93

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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