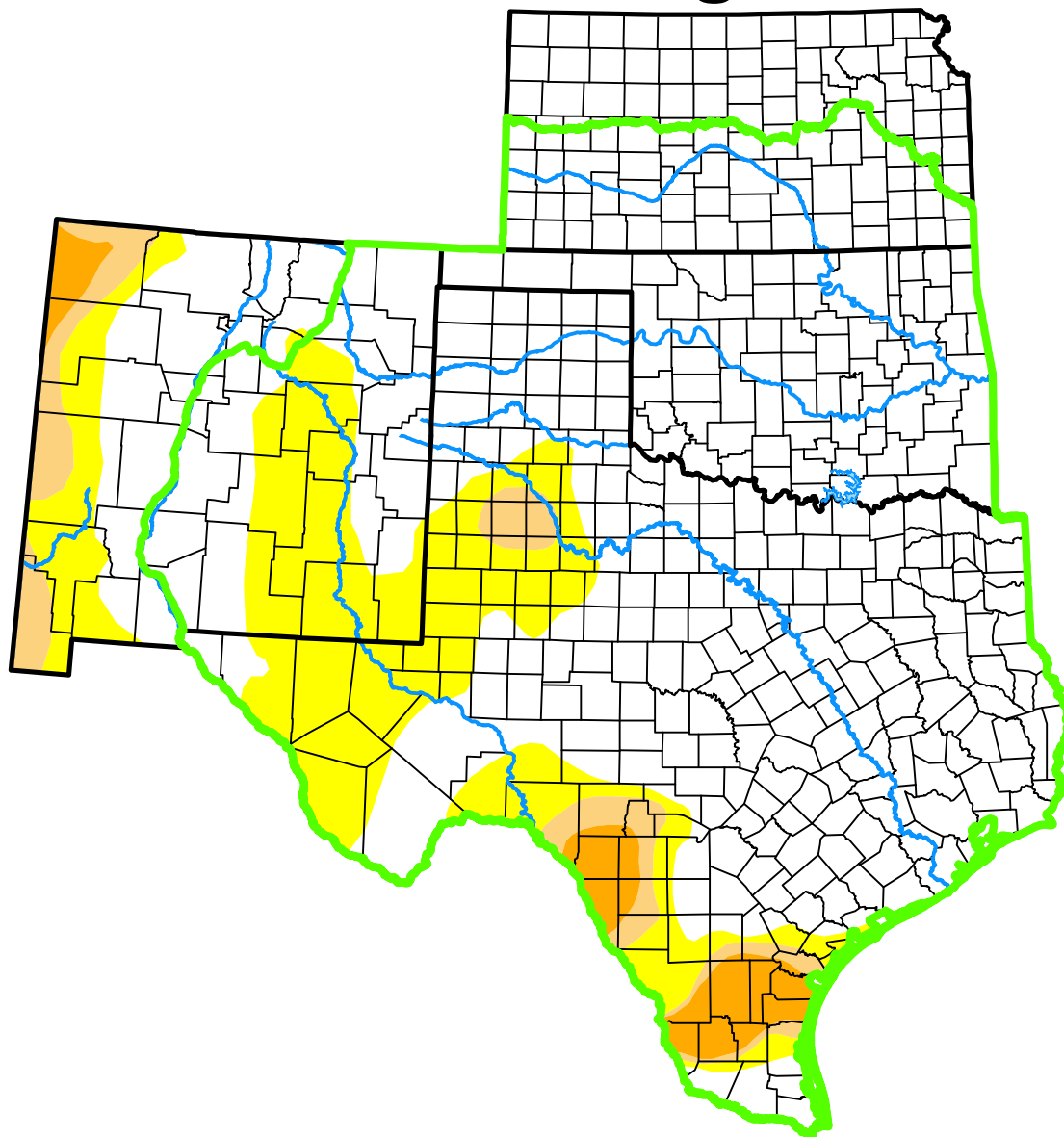


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



December 15, 2009
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.16	22.84	5.10	2.75	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	76.83	23.17	6.45	3.55	1.24	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	67.56	32.44	20.83	15.19	9.54	2.03
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	44.40	17.22	9.56	5.47	2.50
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	72.67	27.33	16.75	13.22	7.42	1.89
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	56.66	43.34	19.12	9.71	5.47	2.50

(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>

Author:

Michael Brewer
 NCEI/NOAA



droughtmonitor.unl.edu