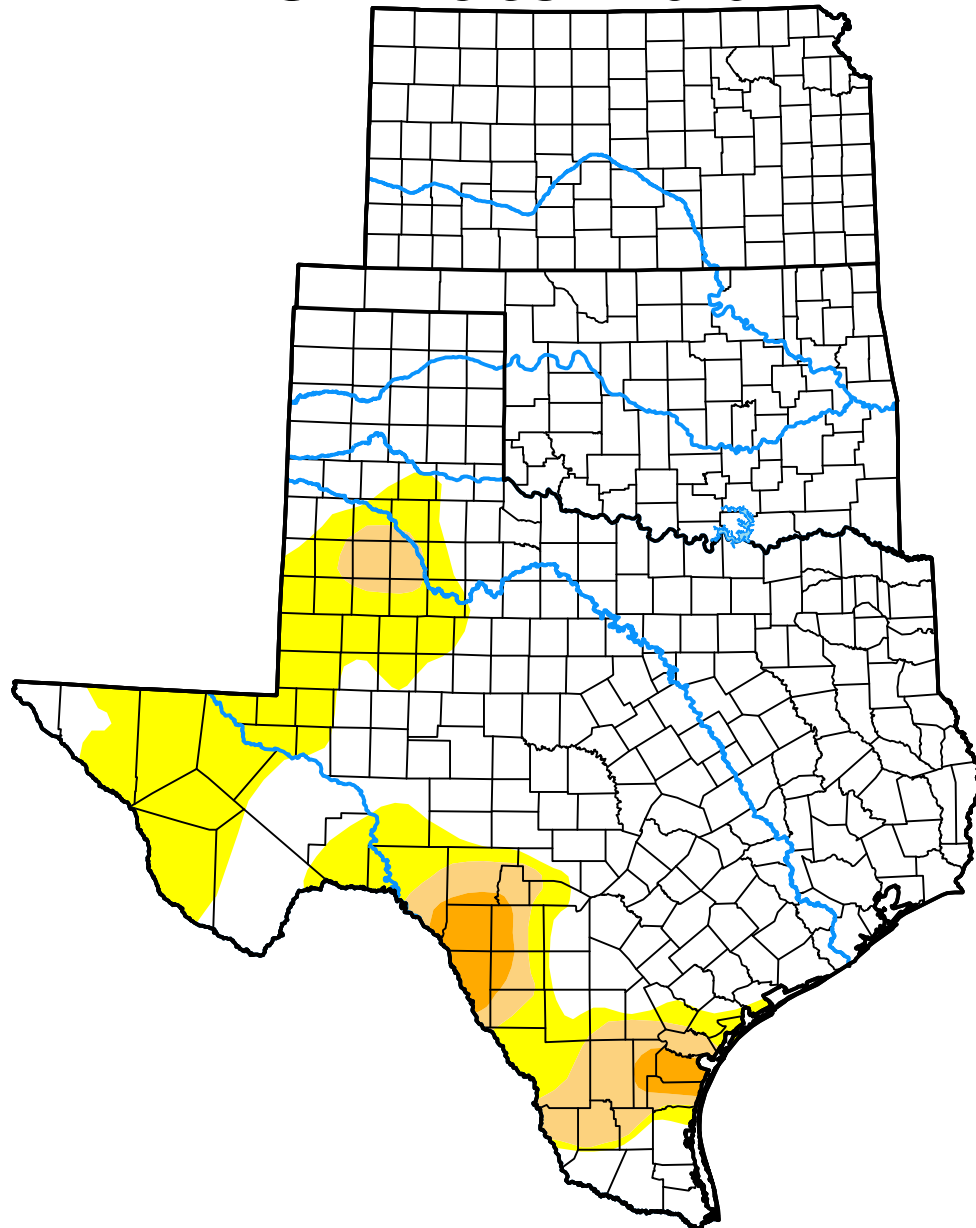


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	82.38	12.44	3.70	1.47	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2009</i>	82.07	12.55	2.49	2.90	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2009</i>	75.85	6.07	3.56	4.66	7.45	2.41
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	26.16	7.65	4.31	3.12	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.66	5.67	3.72	6.12	5.83	1.99
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2008</i>	49.28	30.99	9.49	4.48	3.12	2.64

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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