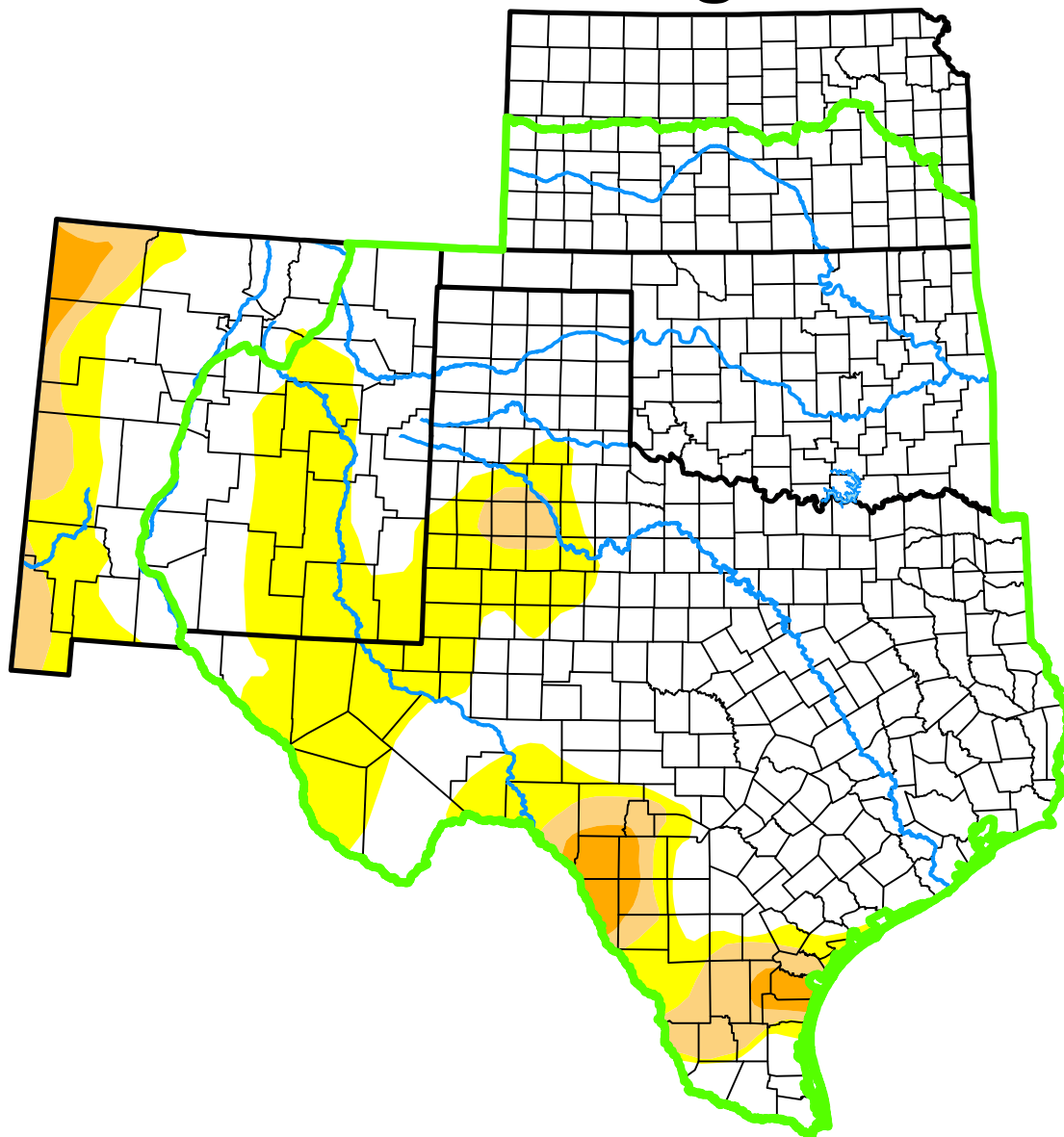


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	77.46	17.64	3.51	1.39	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-15-2009	77.16	17.74	2.36	2.75	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-22-2009	71.91	10.95	3.37	4.42	7.07	2.28
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	55.60	27.18	7.66	4.09	2.96	2.50
Start of Water Year 09-29-2009	72.67	10.57	3.53	5.81	5.53	1.89
One Year Ago 12-23-2008	48.89	31.99	9.41	4.25	2.96	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>

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