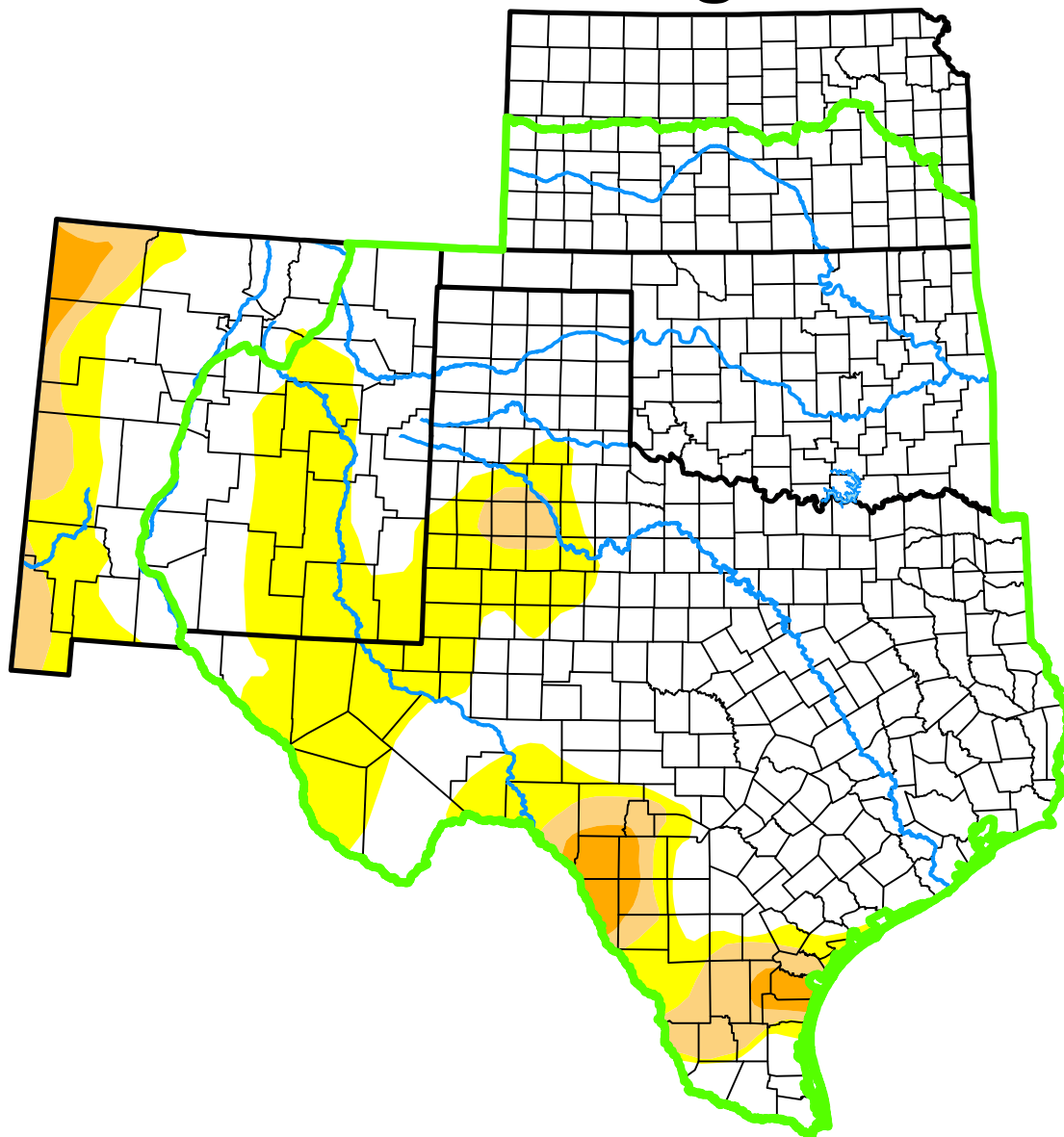


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	77.46	22.54	4.90	1.39	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-15-2009	77.16	22.84	5.10	2.75	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-22-2009	71.91	28.09	17.14	13.77	9.35	2.28
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 12-23-2008	48.89	51.11	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>

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