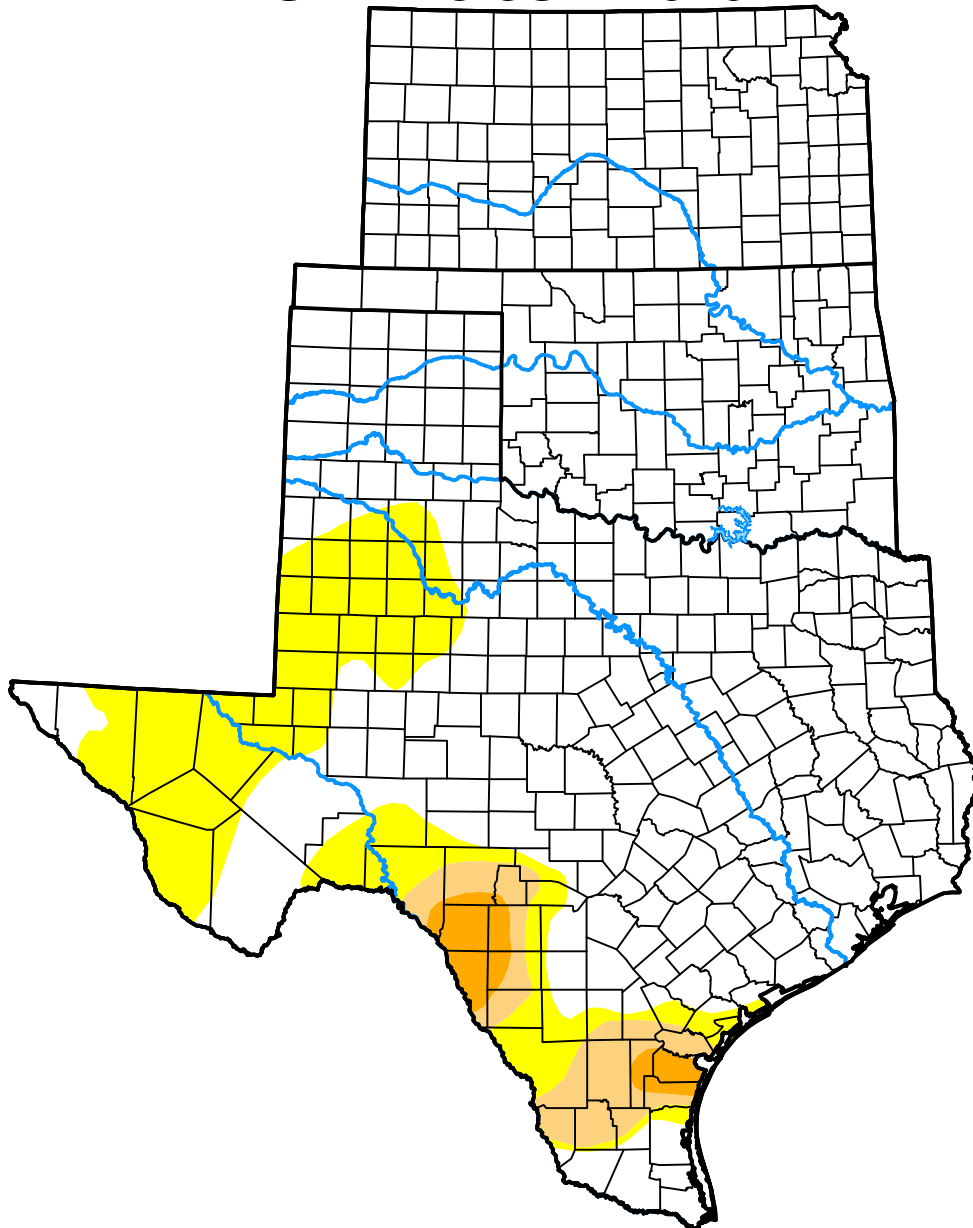


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.78	17.22	4.44	1.47	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-22-2009</i>	82.38	17.62	5.17	1.47	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.66	23.34	17.67	13.94	7.82	1.99
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	43.88	17.73	10.08	5.76	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.66	23.34	17.67	13.94	7.82	1.99
One Year Ago <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	43.88	17.73	10.08	5.76	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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