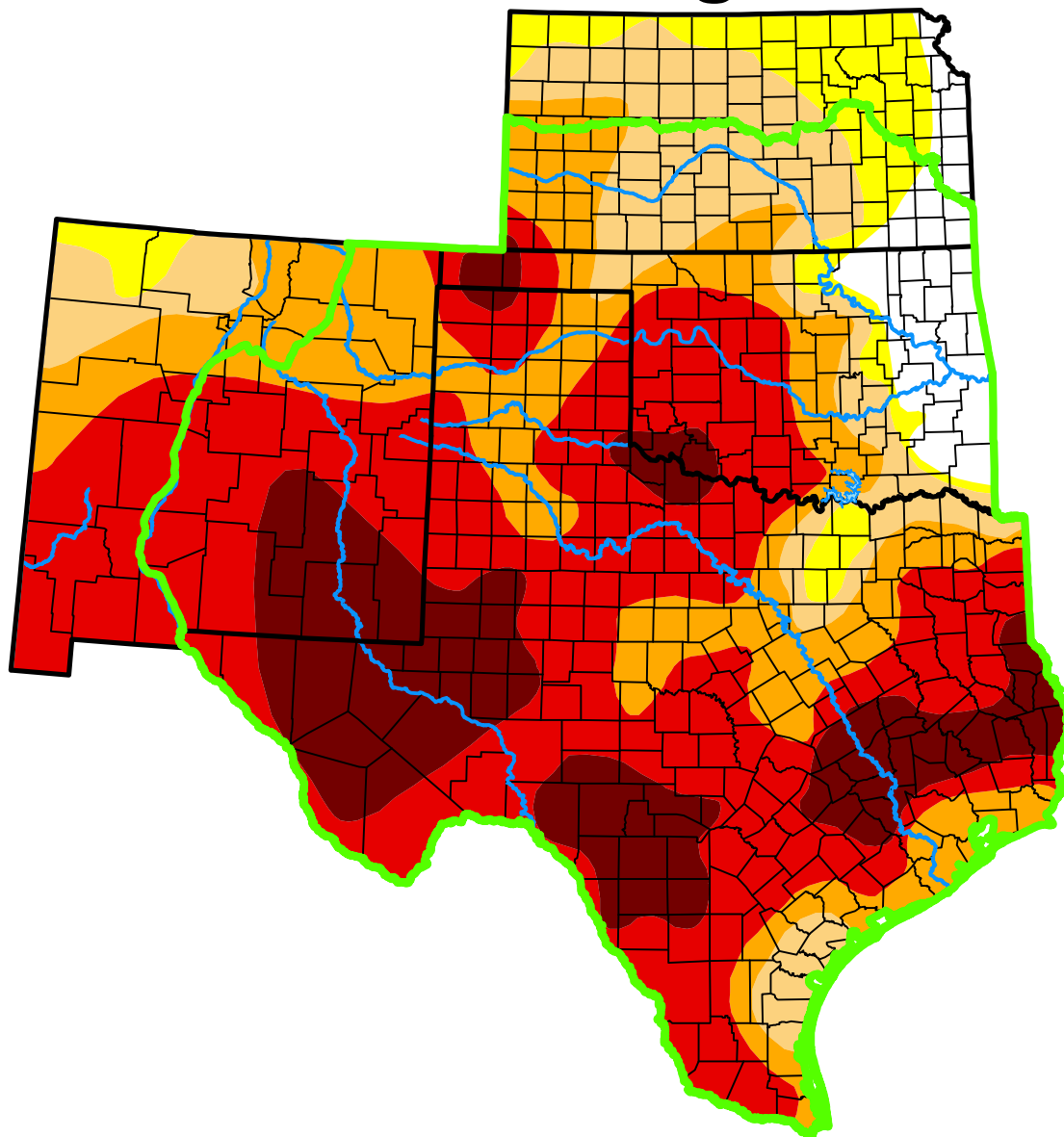


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 4.82  | 95.18 | 92.37 | 82.64 | 61.68 | 20.29 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-26-2011</i>                  | 3.62  | 96.38 | 91.29 | 81.34 | 58.46 | 10.65 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-01-2011</i>               | 13.43 | 86.57 | 54.52 | 25.47 | 4.17  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 12.14 | 87.86 | 50.80 | 22.64 | 7.86  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2010</i>    | 76.19 | 23.81 | 2.13  | 0.59  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-04-2010</i>               | 89.49 | 10.51 | 0.19  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |

(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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