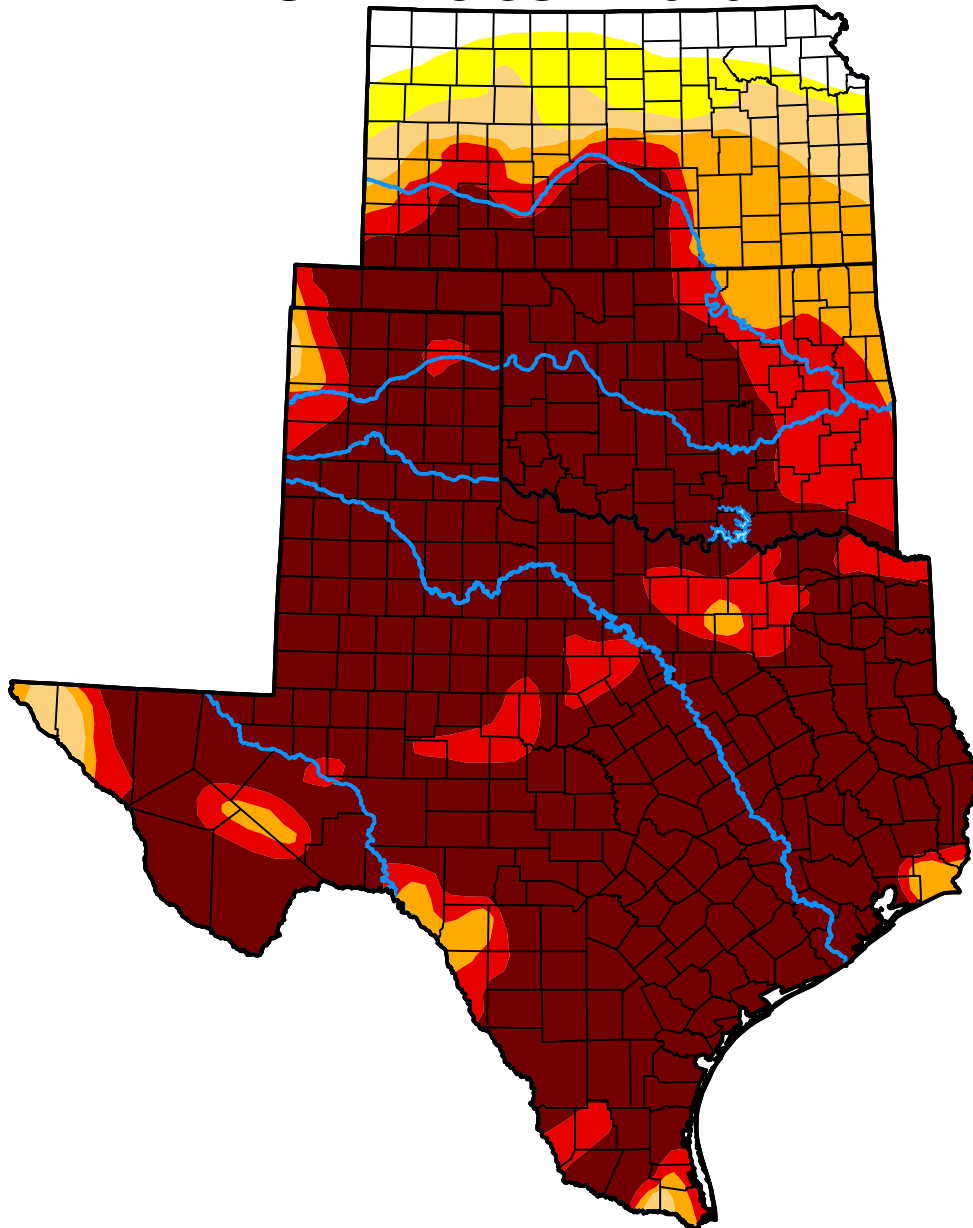


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**September 20, 2011**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 22, 2011)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 3.23  | 96.77 | 93.09 | 89.11 | 81.50 | 68.88 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-13-2011</i>              | 3.92  | 96.08 | 92.76 | 89.60 | 83.34 | 70.82 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-21-2011</i>           | 11.33 | 88.67 | 81.43 | 74.72 | 67.63 | 50.70 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 13.56 | 86.44 | 50.13 | 24.06 | 8.29  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2010</i>    | 75.52 | 24.48 | 2.25  | 0.63  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-21-2010</i>           | 78.17 | 21.83 | 2.83  | 0.62  | 0.00  | 0.00  |

**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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