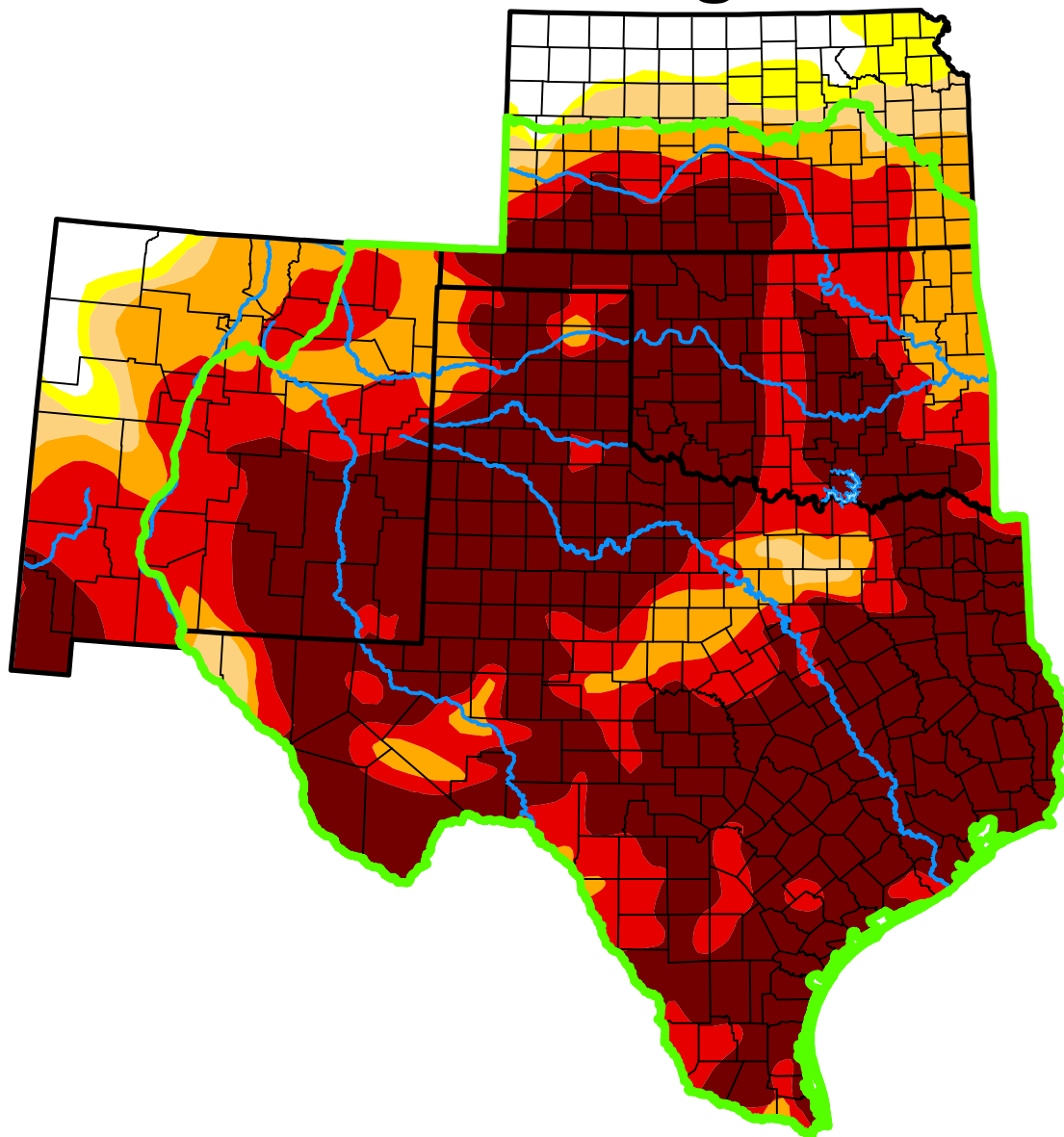


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 | 0.04 | 99.96 | 99.85 | 98.44 | 87.32 | 61.97 |
| Last Week <i>10-11-2011</i> | 0.00 | 100.00 | 99.98 | 98.88 | 84.95 | 62.28 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2011</i> | 0.06 | 99.94 | 98.02 | 90.39 | 81.68 | 63.05 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i> | 12.14 | 87.86 | 50.80 | 22.64 | 7.86 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i> | 0.00 | 100.00 | 99.98 | 98.75 | 88.33 | 73.18 |
| One Year Ago <i>10-19-2010</i> | 59.90 | 40.10 | 8.75 | 0.58 | 0.05 | 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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