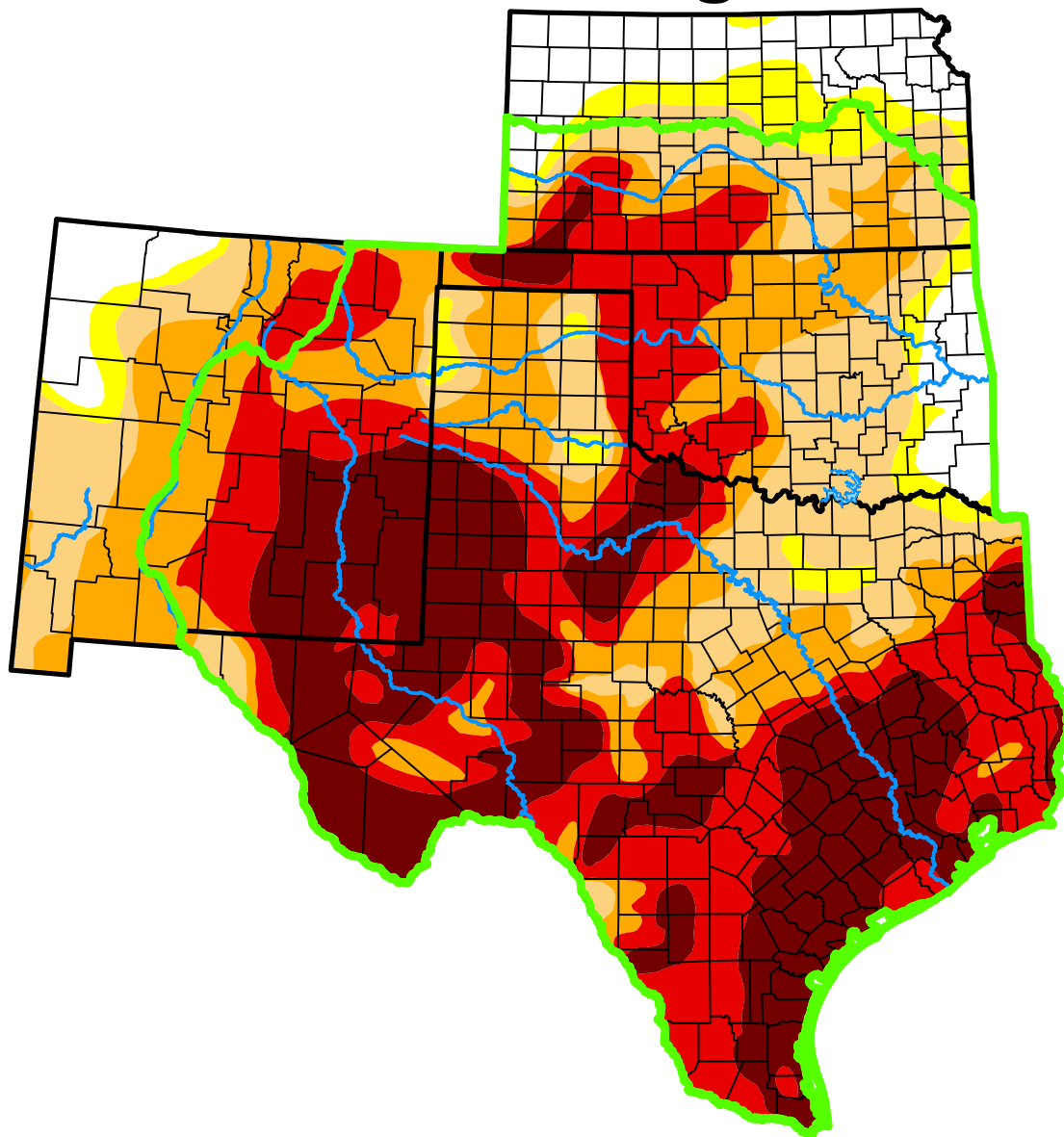


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 20, 2011

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.72	3.26	16.04	19.71	29.13	29.14
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	2.35	2.14	13.07	18.59	33.41	30.44
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	0.00	0.02	1.41	9.06	16.52	72.99
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	12.14	37.06	28.16	14.78	7.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	0.00	0.02	1.23	10.42	15.15	73.18
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	13.77	25.88	36.60	17.93	5.82	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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