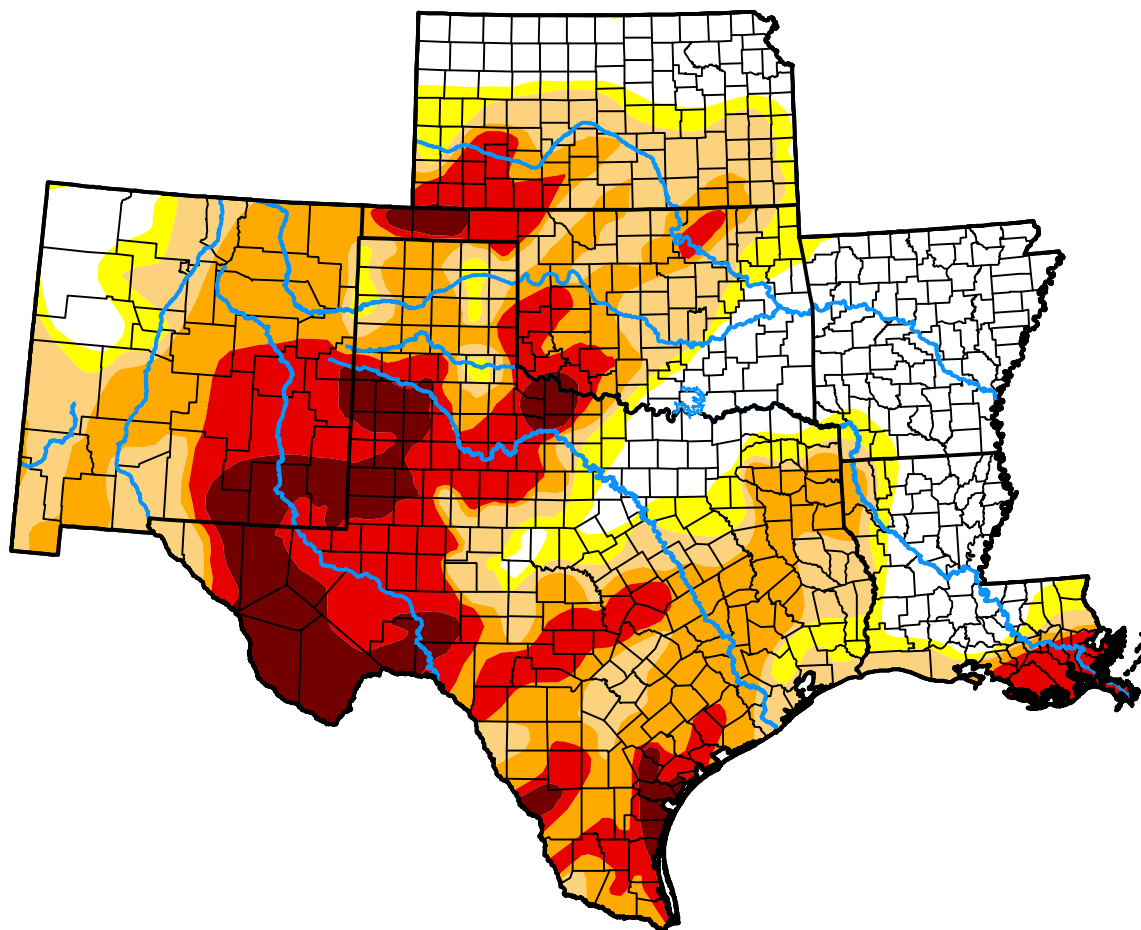


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## SCIPP

**February 28, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2012)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 24.14 | 75.86 | 66.60 | 47.54 | 25.00 | 8.11  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-21-2012</i>              | 24.21 | 75.79 | 66.59 | 47.83 | 25.00 | 7.77  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-29-2011</i>           | 9.87  | 90.13 | 85.45 | 71.58 | 56.26 | 28.04 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 16.32 | 83.68 | 78.40 | 61.85 | 39.00 | 15.63 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 5.54  | 94.46 | 88.86 | 81.22 | 69.23 | 53.13 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-01-2011</i>           | 6.19  | 93.81 | 68.57 | 36.72 | 8.84  | 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>*

**Author:**

Mark Svoboda  
 National Drought Mitigation Center



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**