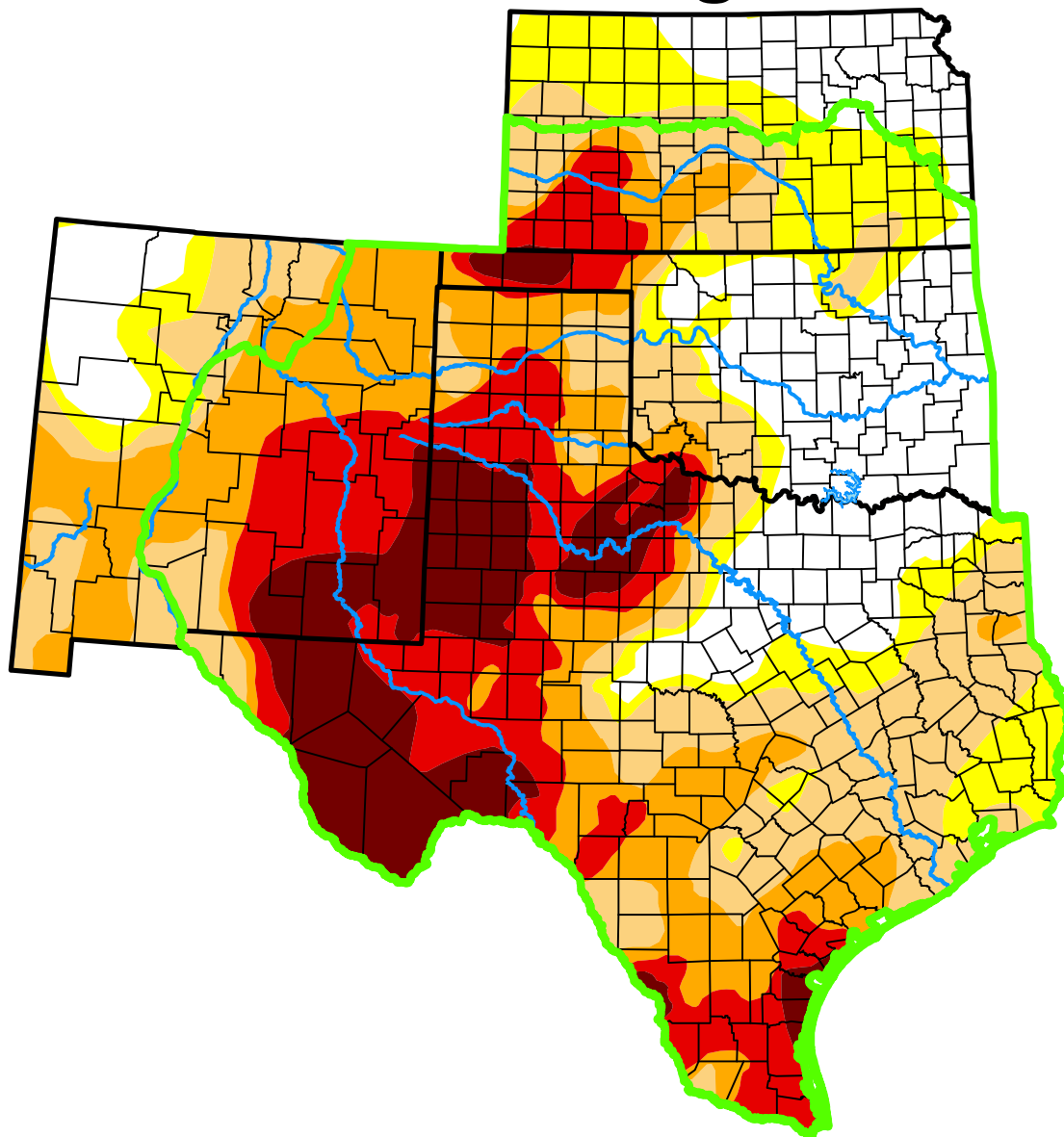


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.48	10.13	21.62	20.10	17.81	13.86
Last Week <i>03-13-2012</i>	8.57	9.82	21.07	25.43	19.67	15.44
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	2.72	3.26	16.04	19.71	29.13	29.14
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	3.17	16.40	23.79	31.51	22.25
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>03-22-2011</i>	2.60	10.52	30.25	37.21	19.42	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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