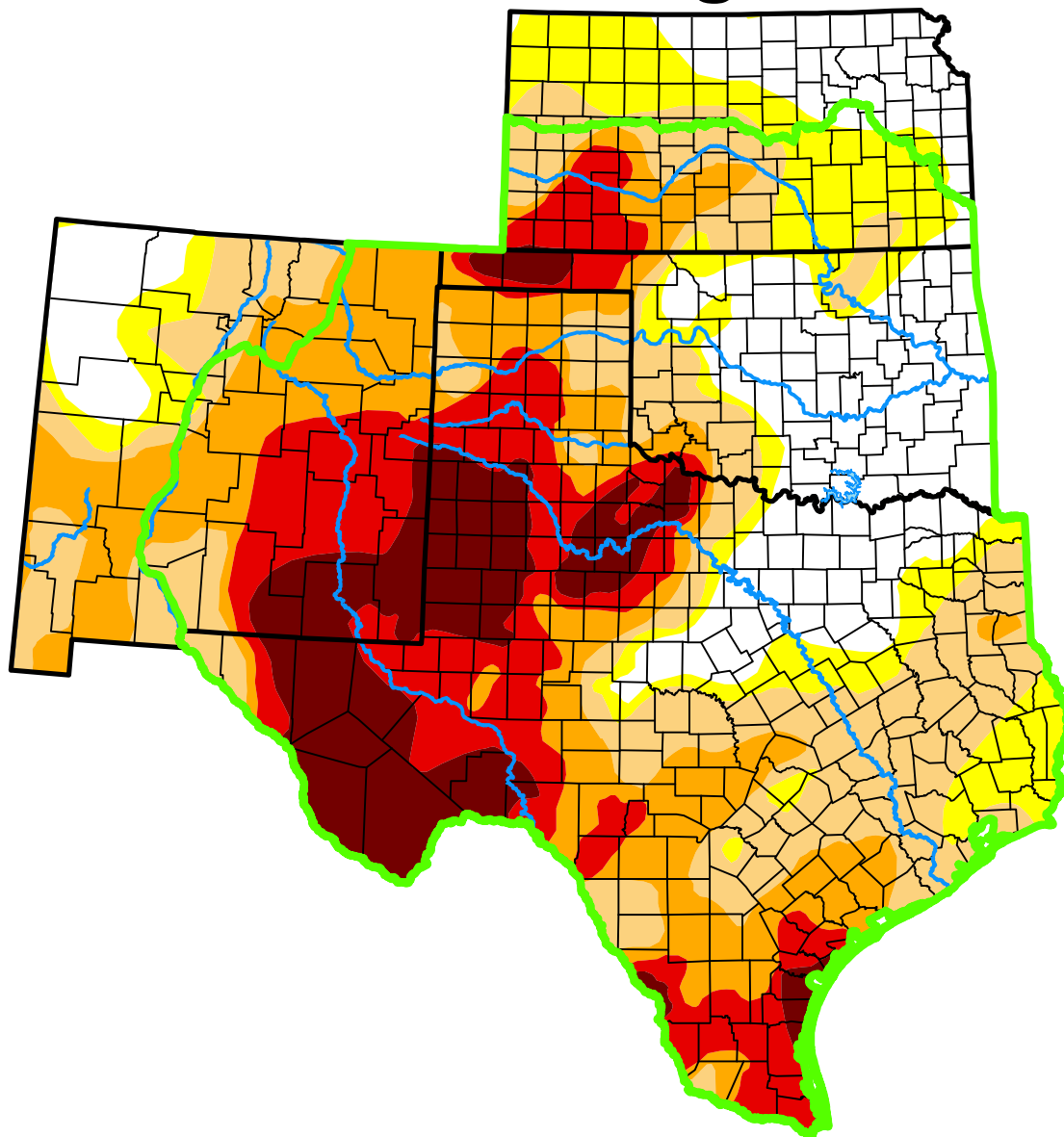


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	16.48	83.52	73.39	51.77	31.67	13.86
Last Week <i>03-13-2012</i>	8.57	91.43	81.61	60.54	35.11	15.44
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	2.72	97.28	94.02	77.98	58.27	29.14
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	97.12	93.95	77.55	53.77	22.25
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>03-22-2011</i>	2.60	97.40	86.88	56.63	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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