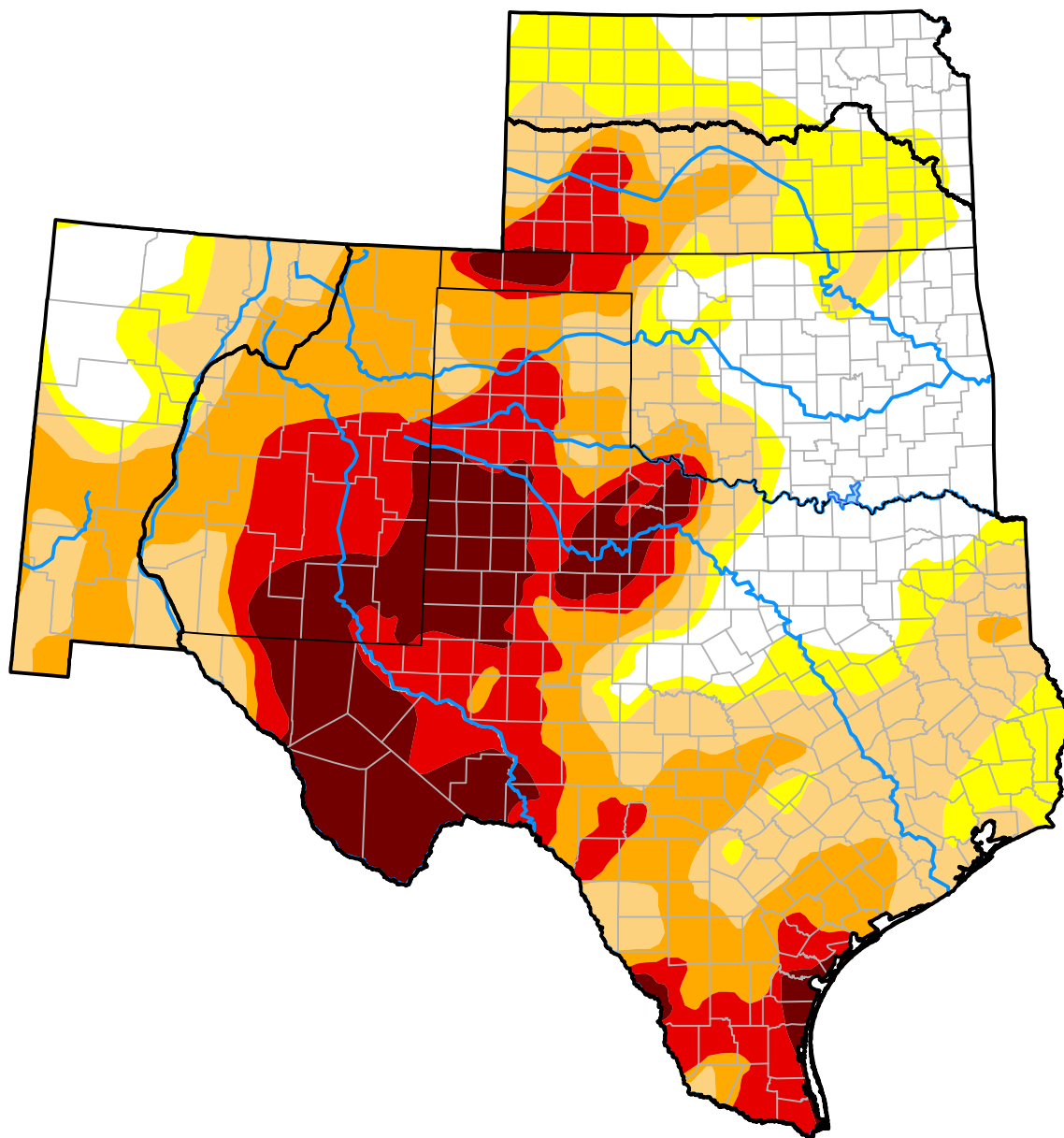


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.53	81.47	72.88	50.59	28.97	13.32
Last Week <i>03-15-2012</i>	11.13	88.87	78.23	58.64	32.15	14.84
3 Months Ago <i>12-22-2011</i>	4.58	95.42	92.20	76.19	54.59	27.80
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	4.58	95.42	92.19	76.19	49.52	21.41
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	0.00	100.00	99.04	96.58	86.74	69.32
One Year Ago <i>03-24-2011</i>	3.10	96.90	90.11	57.82	20.89	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>

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