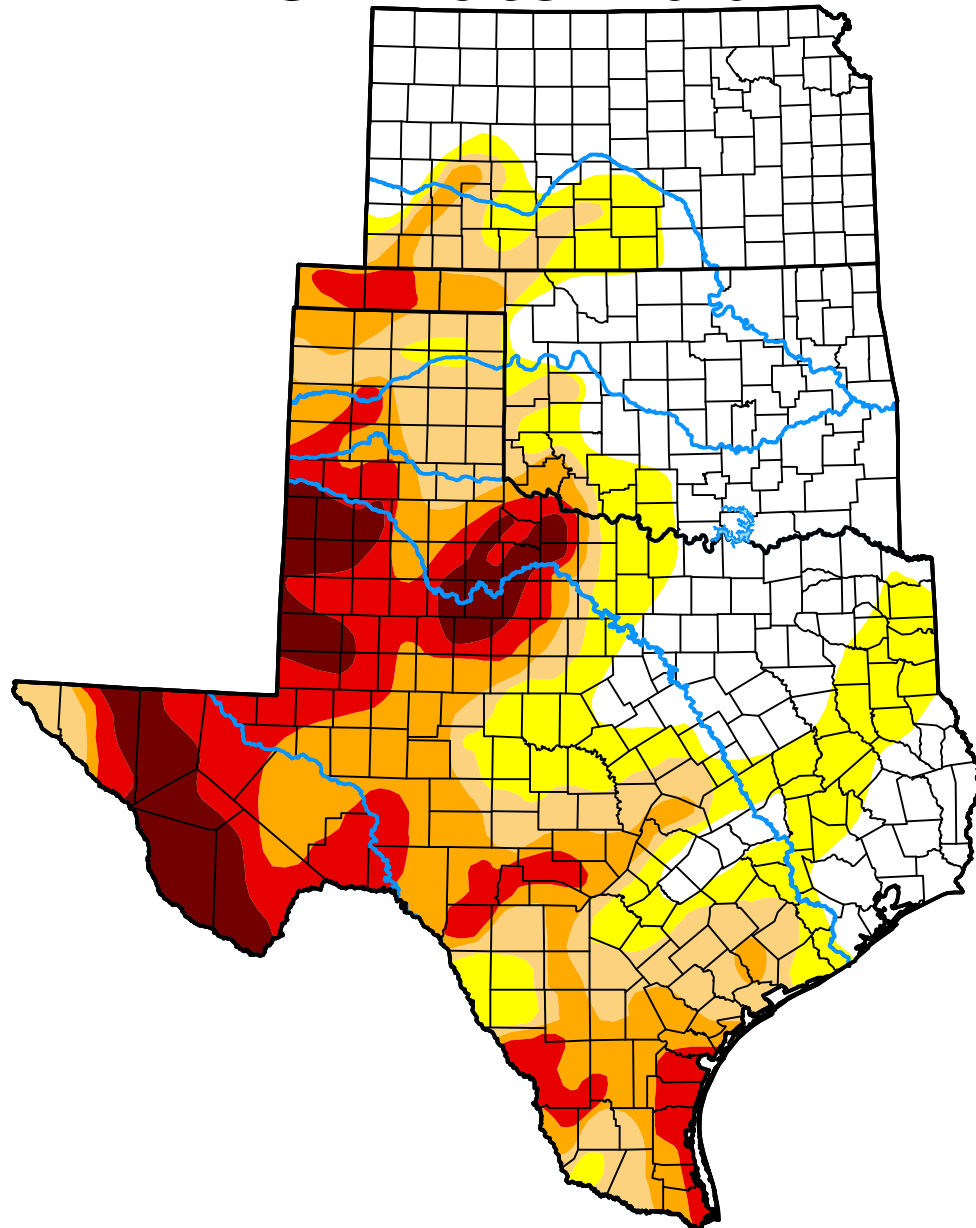


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.55	60.45	45.06	31.78	17.60	6.13
Last Week <i>04-10-2012</i>	37.64	62.36	46.32	34.86	20.36	8.53
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2012</i>	11.39	88.61	81.12	65.52	47.20	16.73
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.87	89.13	84.64	66.92	49.90	21.26
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	3.23	96.77	93.30	89.37	80.26	69.08
One Year Ago <i>04-19-2011</i>	2.37	97.63	86.91	73.33	49.77	9.52

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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