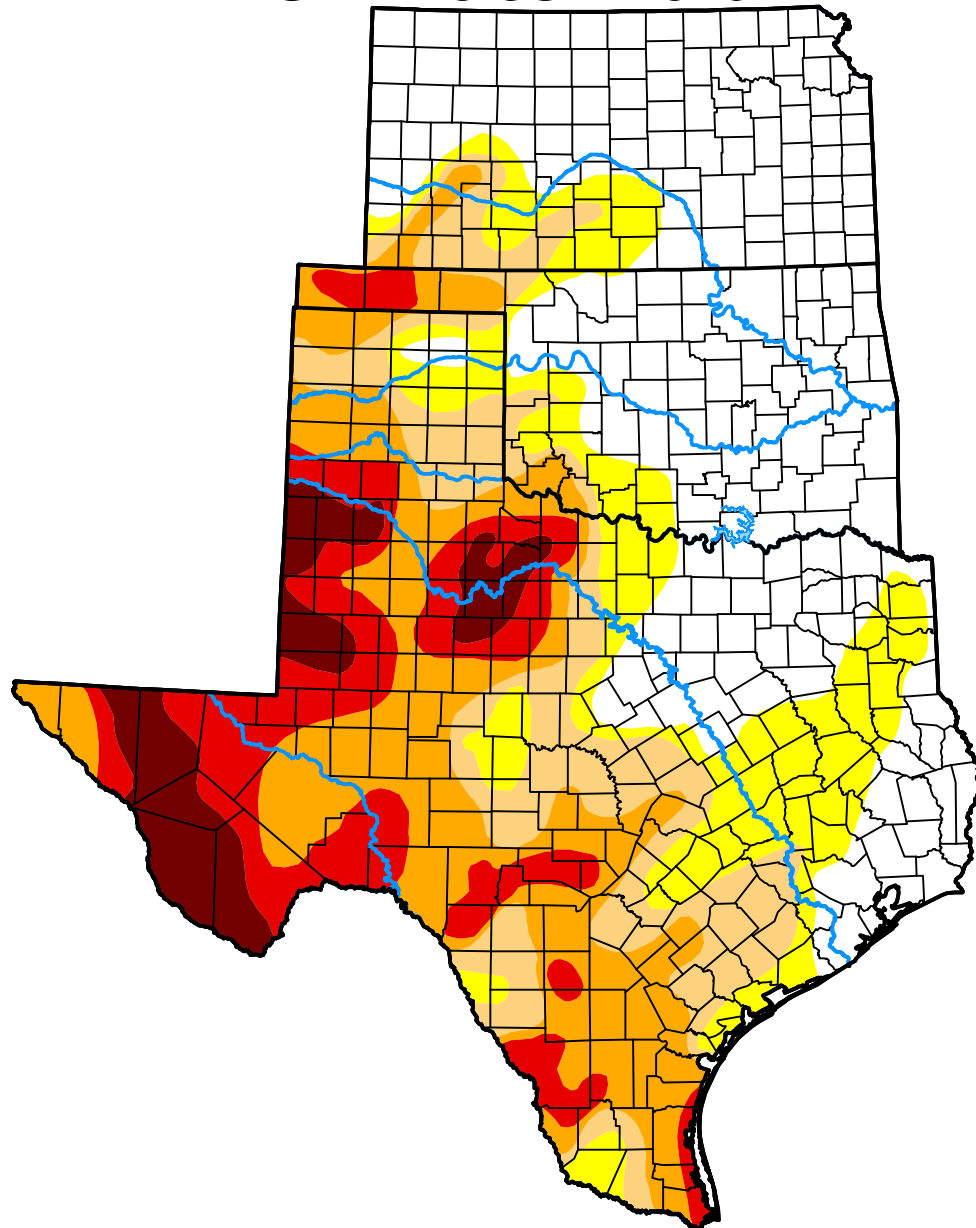


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USDA Southern Plains

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.08	60.92	46.67	33.68	16.26	5.53
Last Week 04-24-2012	39.81	60.19	44.40	31.74	16.71	5.92
3 Months Ago 01-31-2012	14.85	85.15	78.04	64.24	45.11	18.06
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	10.87	89.13	84.64	66.92	49.90	21.26
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	3.23	96.77	93.30	89.37	80.26	69.08
One Year Ago 05-03-2011	6.14	93.86	86.55	72.58	53.41	17.43

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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