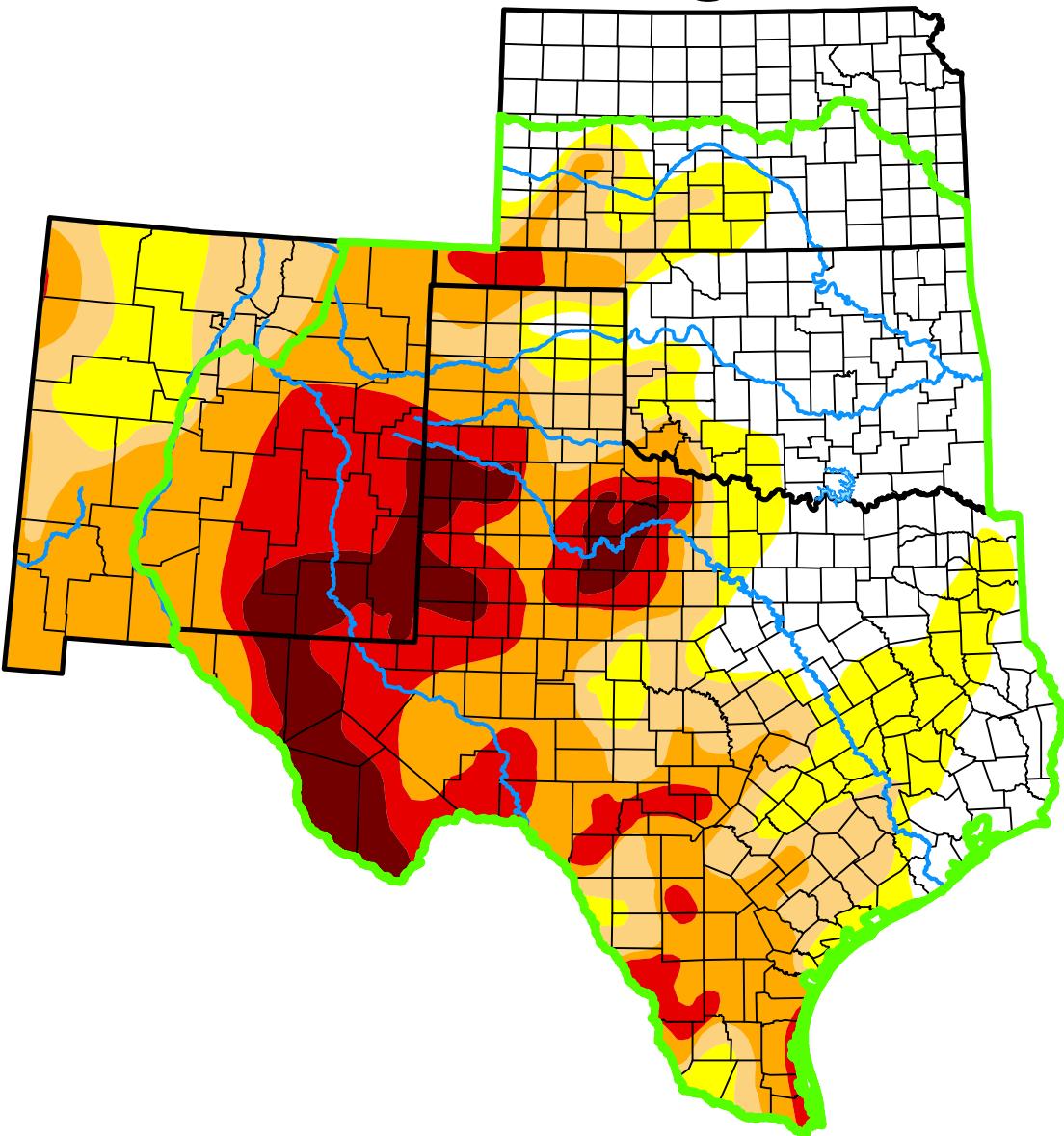


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



**May 1, 2012**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	27.88	72.12	58.55	45.78	22.91	7.69
<b>Last Week</b> 04-24-2012	28.57	71.43	56.40	43.94	23.34	8.06
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-31-2012	7.07	92.93	87.69	73.98	49.60	19.37
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2012	2.88	97.12	93.95	77.55	53.77	22.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2011	0.00	100.00	99.98	98.75	88.33	73.18
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-03-2011	4.82	95.18	92.37	82.64	61.68	20.29

(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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