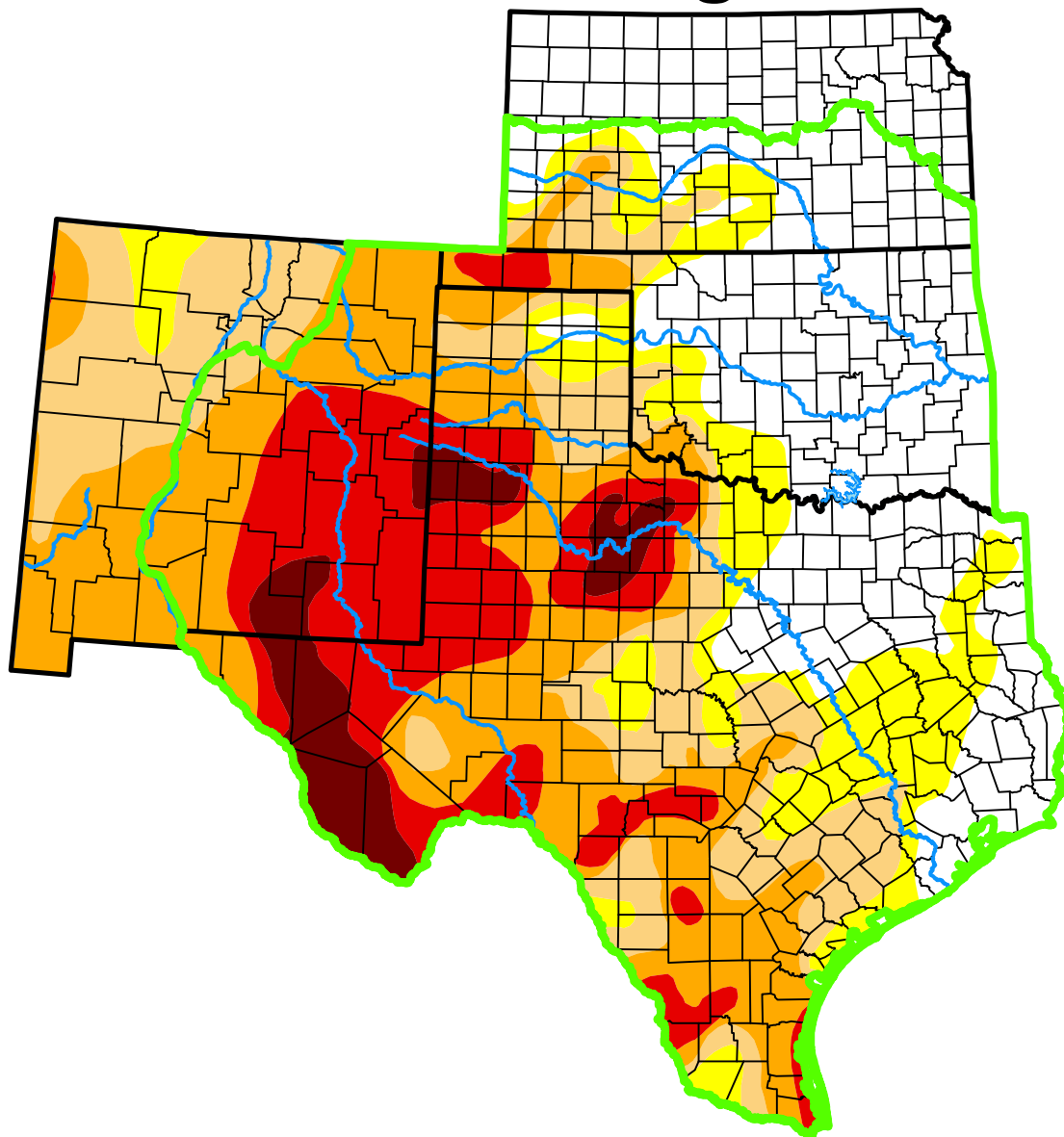


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



**May 8, 2012**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 28.46 | 13.35 | 13.33 | 22.64 | 16.81 | 5.41  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-01-2012</i>                  | 27.88 | 13.57 | 12.76 | 22.87 | 15.22 | 7.69  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-07-2012</i>               | 7.07  | 5.60  | 17.35 | 25.32 | 27.85 | 16.81 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 2.88  | 3.17  | 16.40 | 23.79 | 31.51 | 22.25 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 0.00  | 0.02  | 1.23  | 10.42 | 15.15 | 73.18 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-10-2011</i>               | 4.20  | 3.02  | 5.20  | 20.45 | 27.94 | 39.19 |

(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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