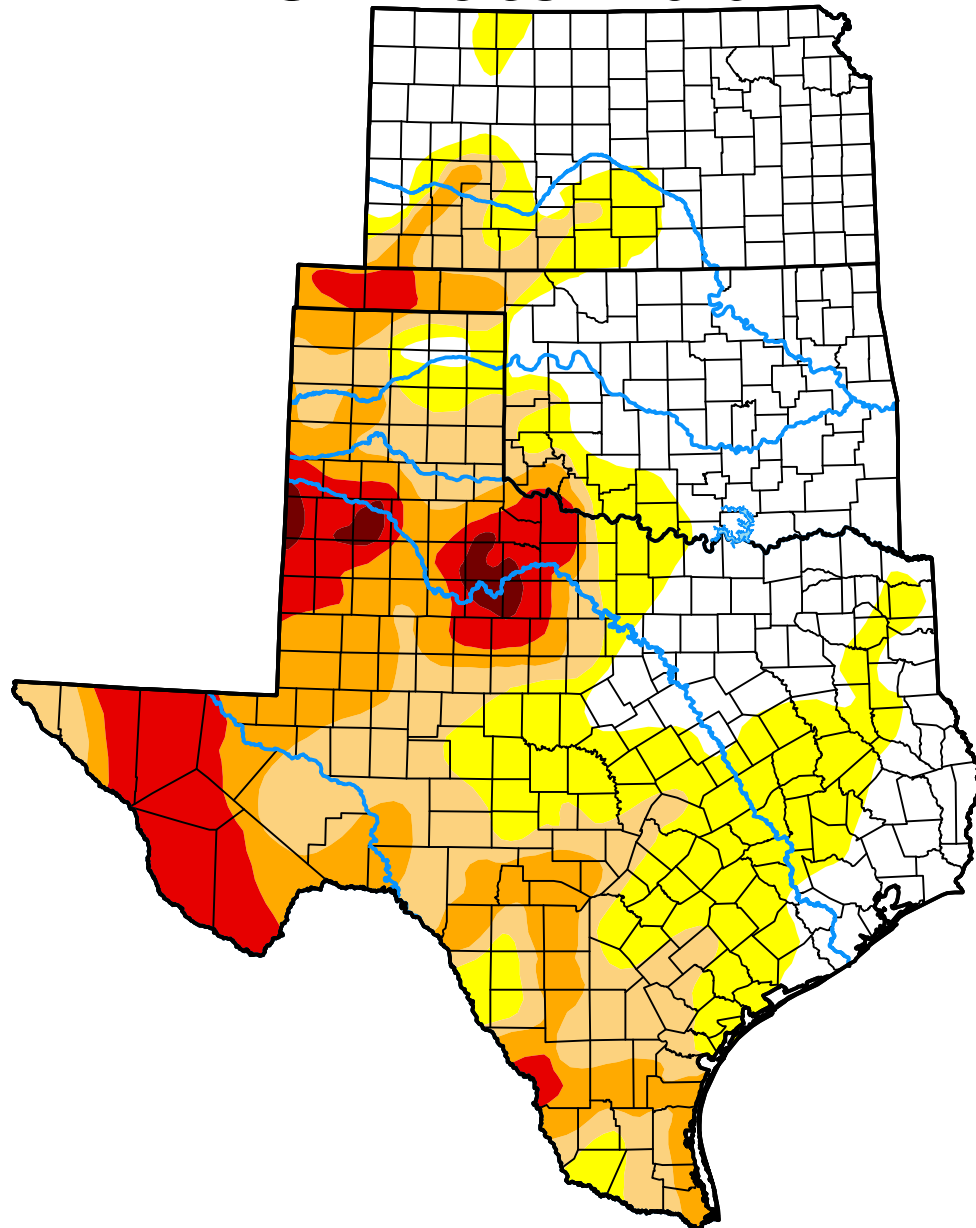


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.70	60.30	40.34	23.35	9.20	0.89
Last Week <i>05-08-2012</i>	39.69	60.31	46.22	32.70	15.53	4.69
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2012</i>	14.97	85.03	77.02	59.39	38.88	13.65
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>05-17-2011</i>	5.93	94.07	88.50	77.72	59.99	32.74

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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