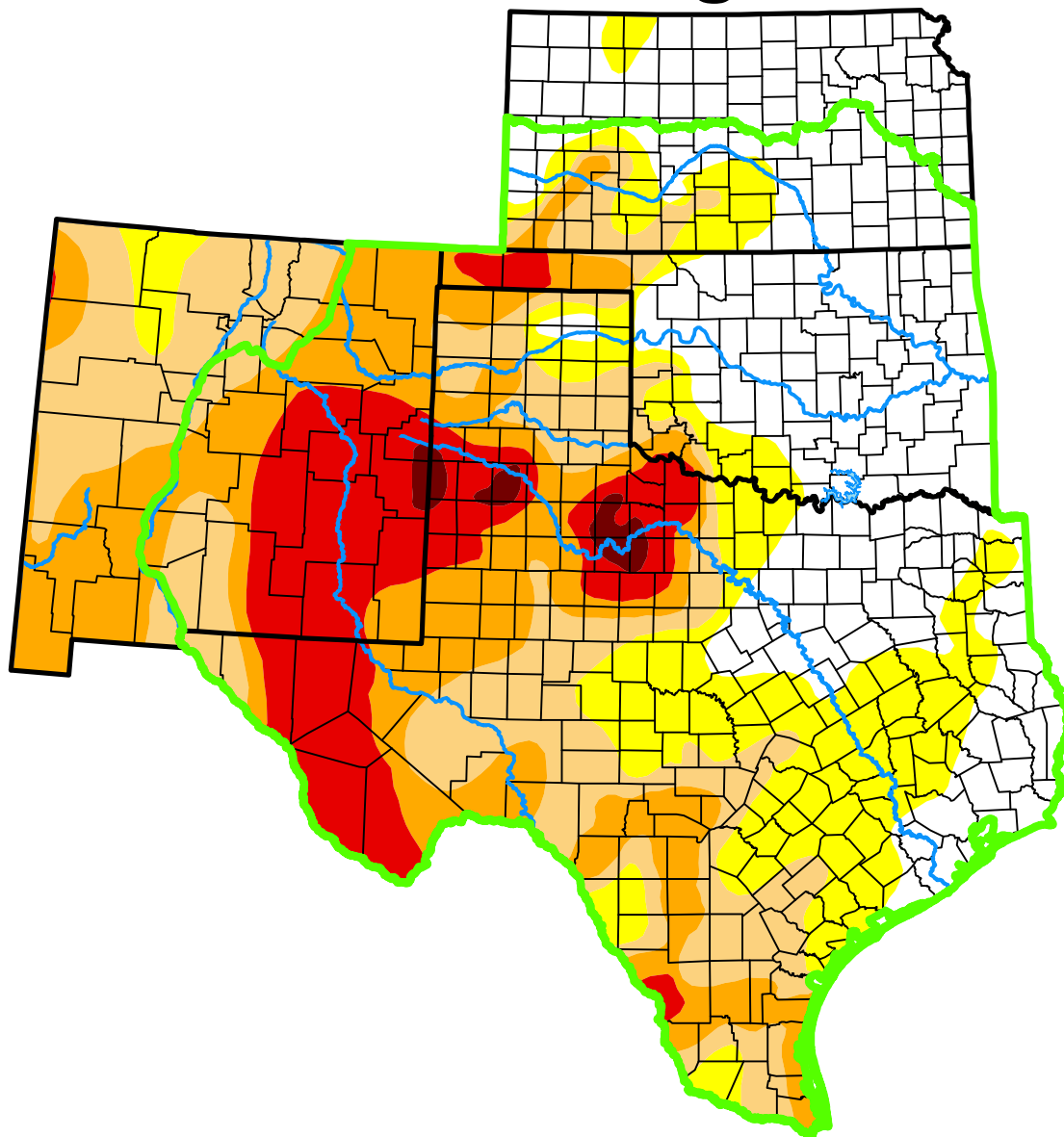


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.85	18.54	18.00	19.30	14.29	1.03
Last Week <i>05-08-2012</i>	28.46	13.35	13.33	22.64	16.81	5.41
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2012</i>	7.07	6.24	17.59	25.38	28.53	15.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	3.17	16.40	23.79	31.51	22.25
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	0.00	0.02	1.23	10.42	15.15	73.18
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2011</i>	4.56	3.46	6.16	16.90	29.34	39.57

(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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