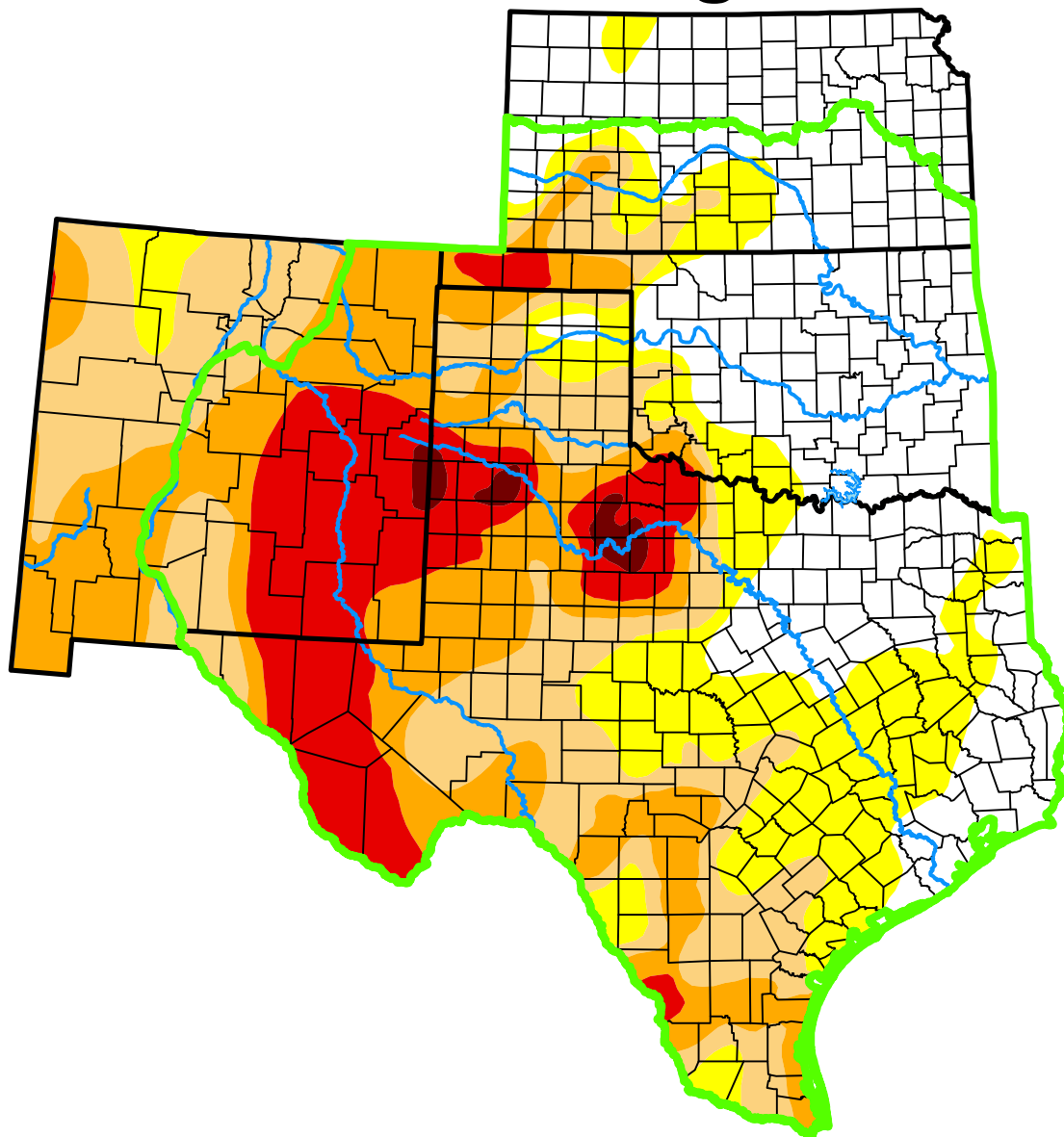


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.85	71.15	52.61	34.61	15.32	1.03
Last Week <i>05-08-2012</i>	28.46	71.54	58.19	44.86	22.22	5.41
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2012</i>	7.07	92.93	86.69	69.09	43.71	15.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	97.12	93.95	77.55	53.77	22.25
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	0.00	100.00	99.98	98.75	88.33	73.18
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2011</i>	4.56	95.44	91.98	85.81	68.91	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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