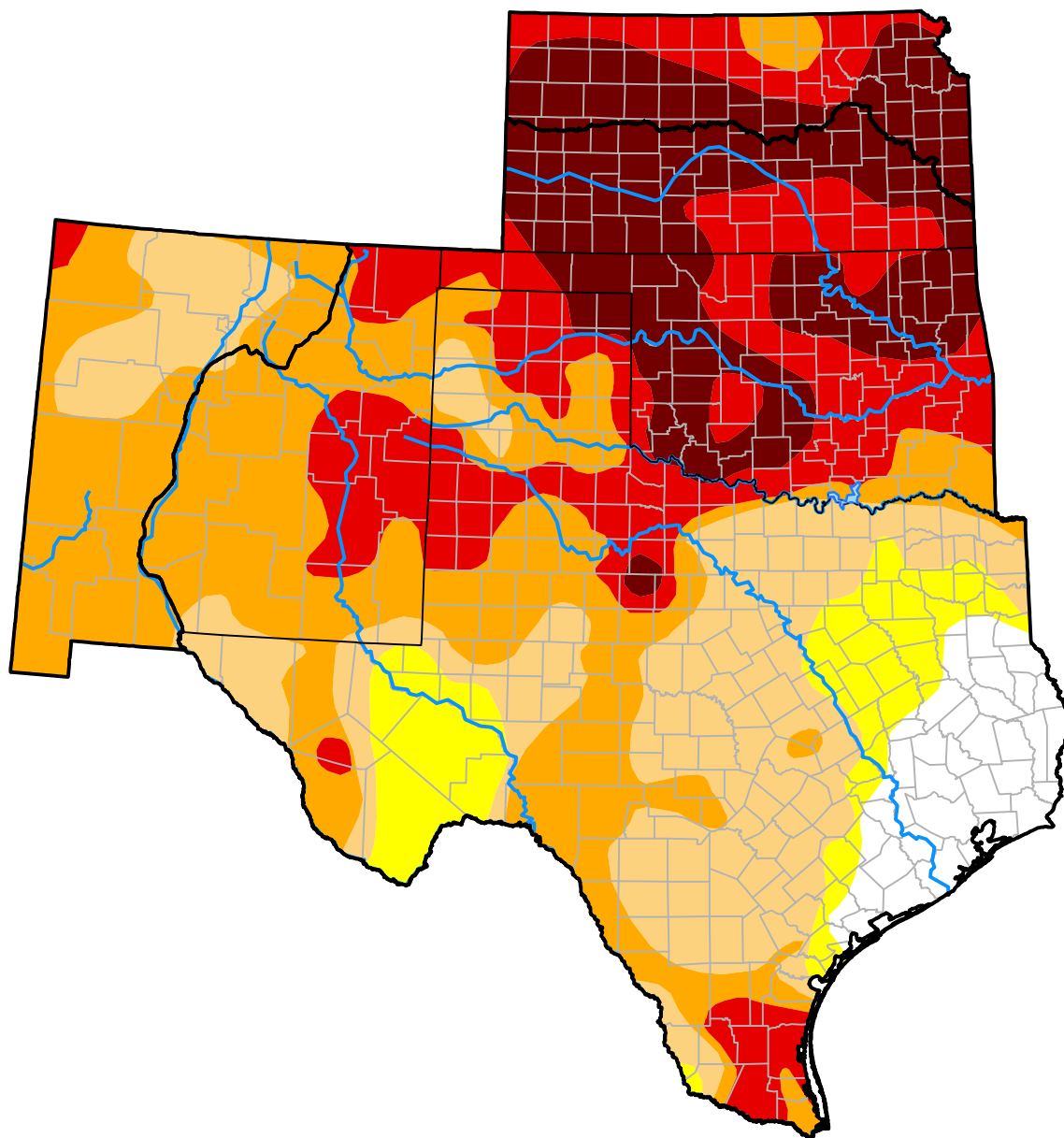


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**August 21, 2012**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	6.82	93.18	84.68	59.74	25.97	8.05
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-16-2012</i>	6.43	93.57	87.64	63.54	28.68	6.43
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-24-2012</i>	10.04	89.96	62.16	39.88	14.79	0.67
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2012</i>	4.58	95.42	92.19	76.19	49.52	21.41
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2011</i>	0.00	100.00	99.04	96.58	86.74	69.32
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-25-2011</i>	0.00	100.00	99.96	96.93	87.63	66.83

### 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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