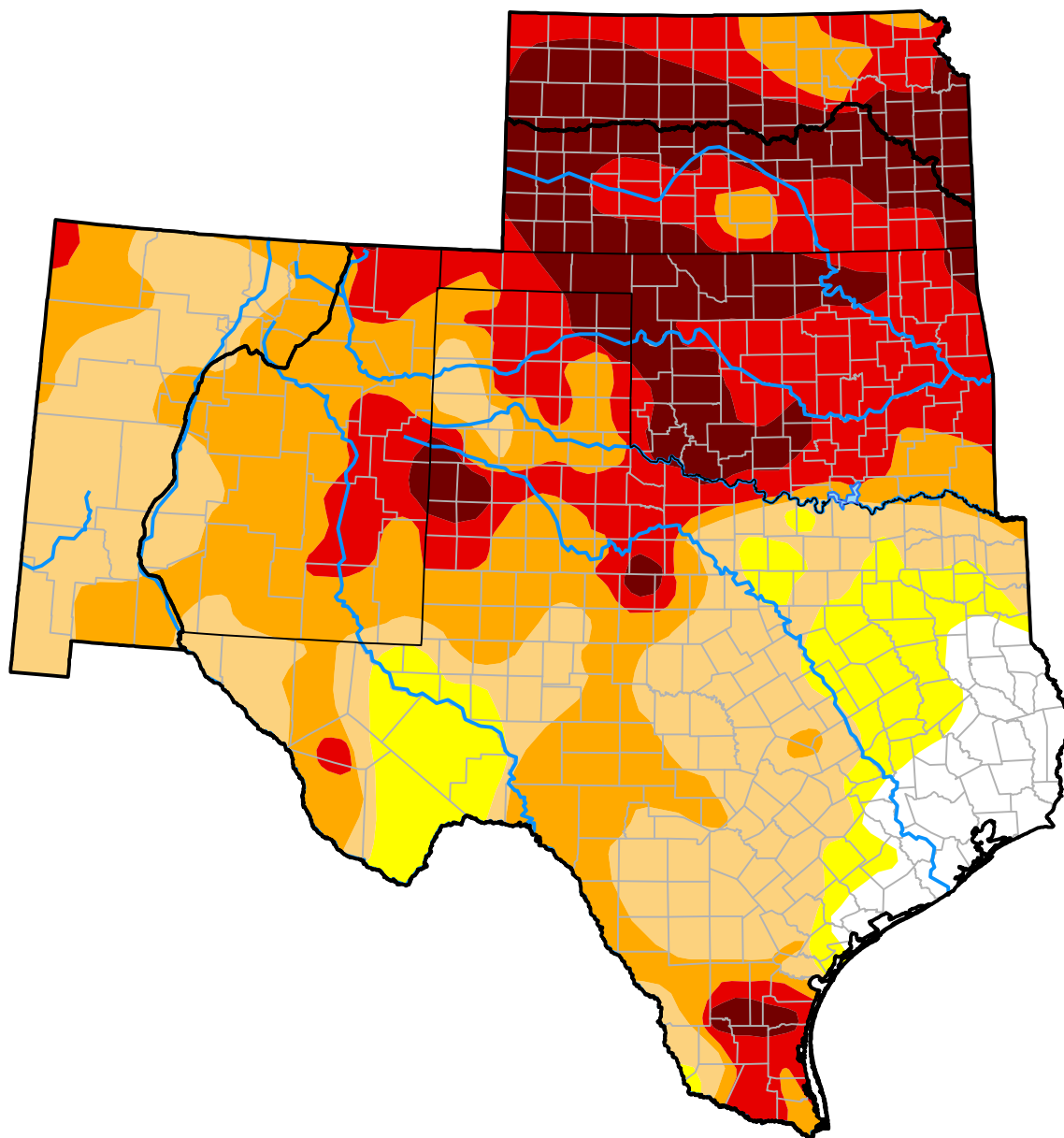


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**August 28, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 5.92 | 94.08  | 84.03 | 54.77 | 25.84 | 7.71  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-23-2012</i>              | 6.82 | 93.18  | 84.68 | 59.74 | 25.97 | 8.05  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-31-2012</i>           | 5.70 | 94.30  | 63.52 | 35.89 | 12.71 | 0.42  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 4.58 | 95.42  | 92.19 | 76.19 | 49.52 | 21.41 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 0.00 | 100.00 | 99.04 | 96.58 | 86.74 | 69.32 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-01-2011</i>           | 0.00 | 100.00 | 99.96 | 95.88 | 85.53 | 65.89 |

### 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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