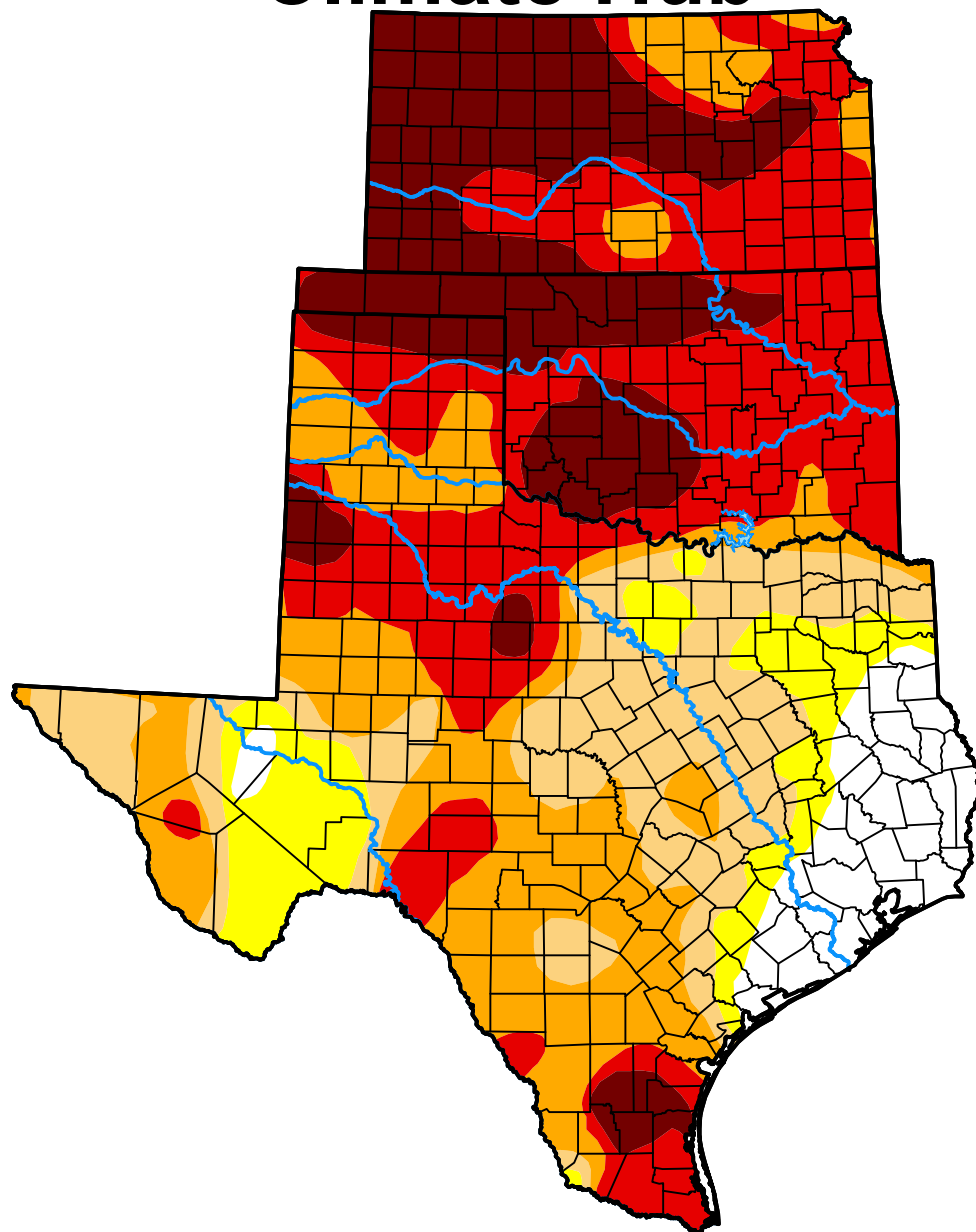


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.16	92.84	84.83	69.37	47.94	20.22
Last Week <i>09-11-2012</i>	4.61	95.39	85.07	69.55	47.97	21.64
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2012</i>	11.87	88.13	66.14	26.51	4.77	0.00
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>09-20-2011</i>	3.23	96.77	93.09	89.11	81.50	68.88

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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