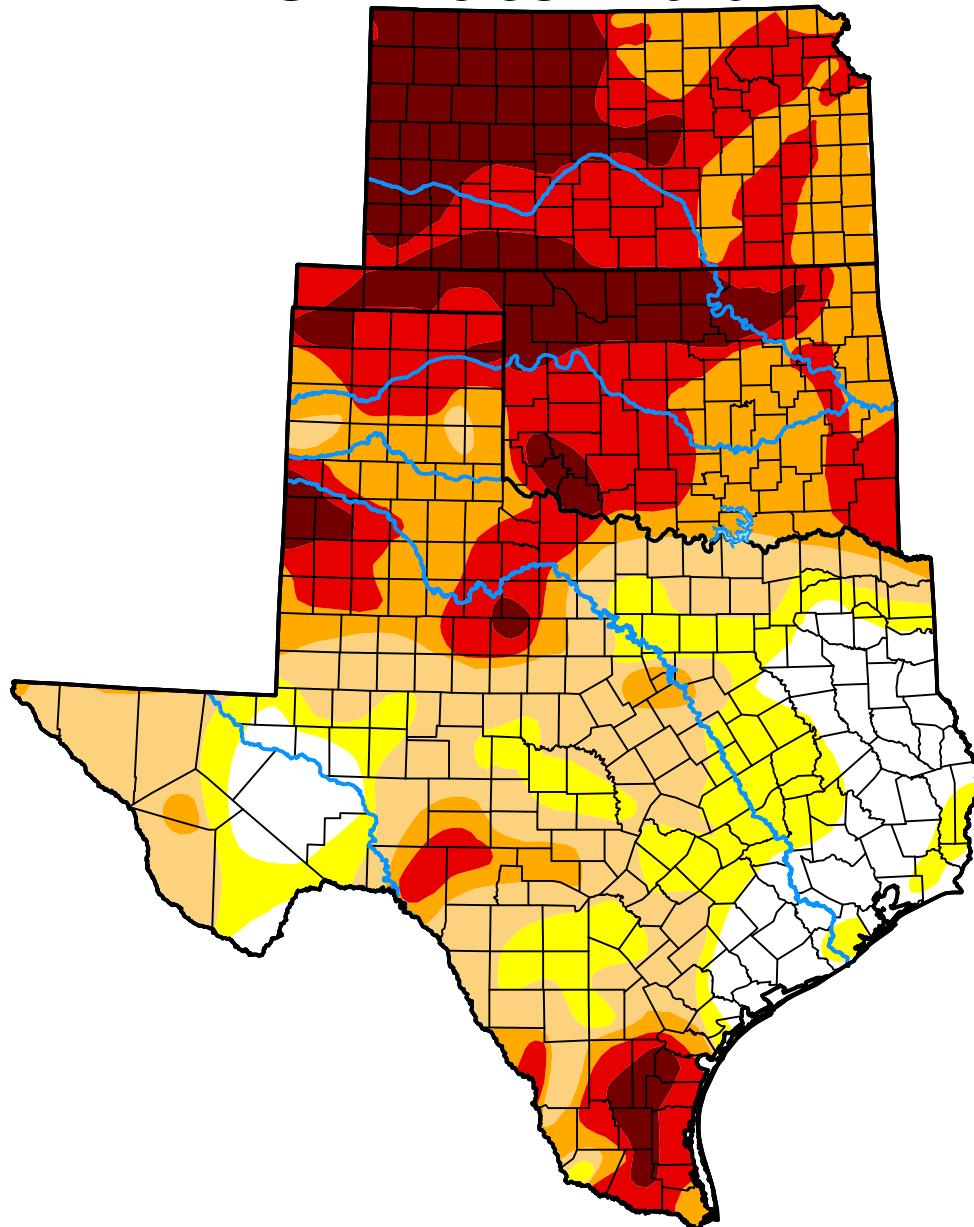


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.85	89.15	76.16	56.19	36.56	14.40
Last Week 10-09-2012	10.48	89.52	78.01	56.62	42.45	15.96
3 Months Ago 07-17-2012	7.87	92.13	81.48	50.57	20.36	1.21
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	10.87	89.13	84.64	66.92	49.90	21.26
Start of Water Year 09-25-2012	5.80	94.20	86.49	72.94	49.21	20.41
One Year Ago 10-18-2011	4.31	95.69	93.20	89.36	79.49	59.02

### 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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