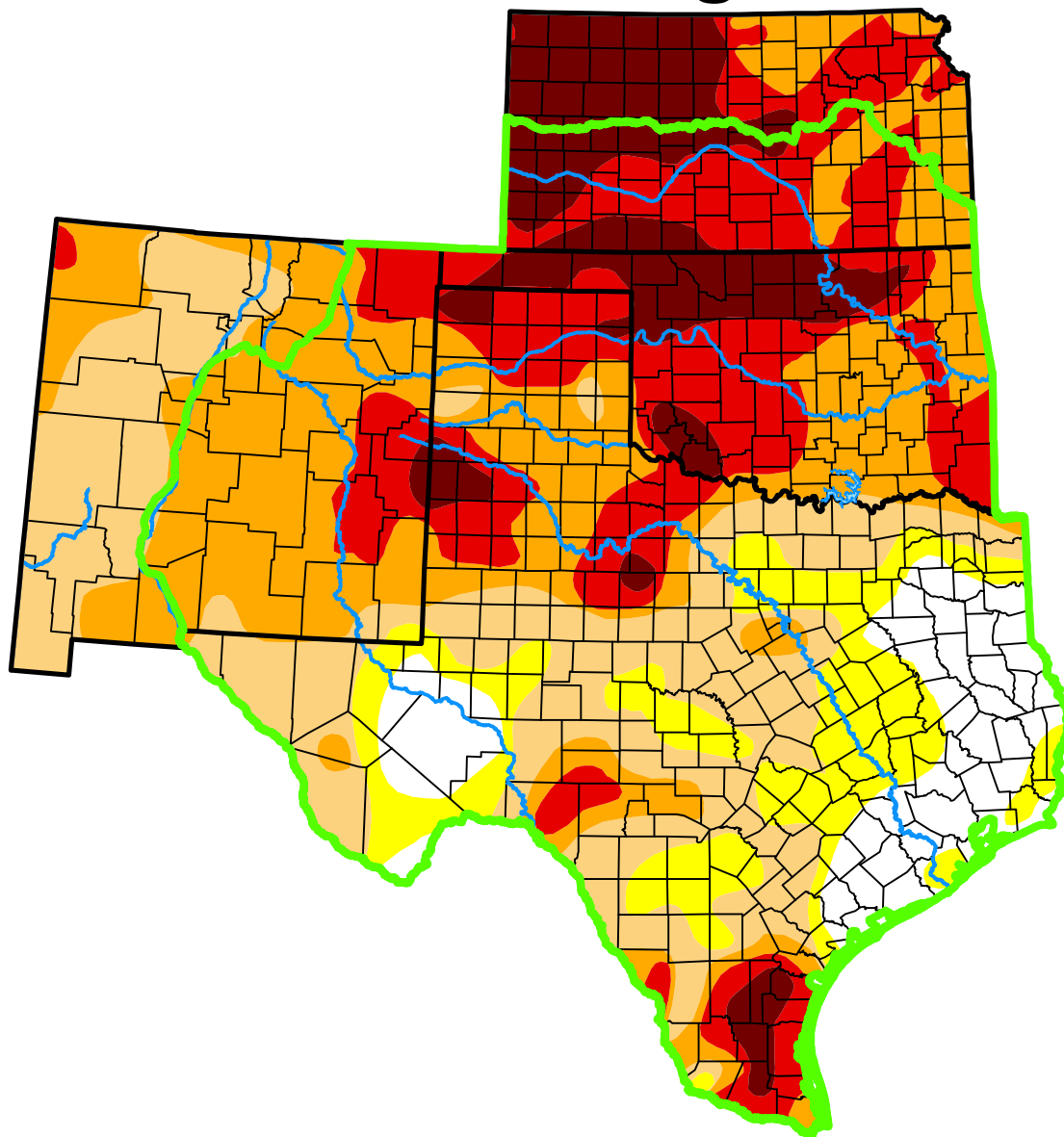


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	10.29	89.71	77.29	57.70	30.98	9.57
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	9.94	90.06	79.10	57.06	35.10	10.54
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	7.47	92.53	82.38	52.08	19.83	0.99
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>09-25-2012</i>	5.50	94.50	87.19	72.60	42.42	14.30
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	0.04	99.96	99.85	98.44	87.32	61.97

(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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