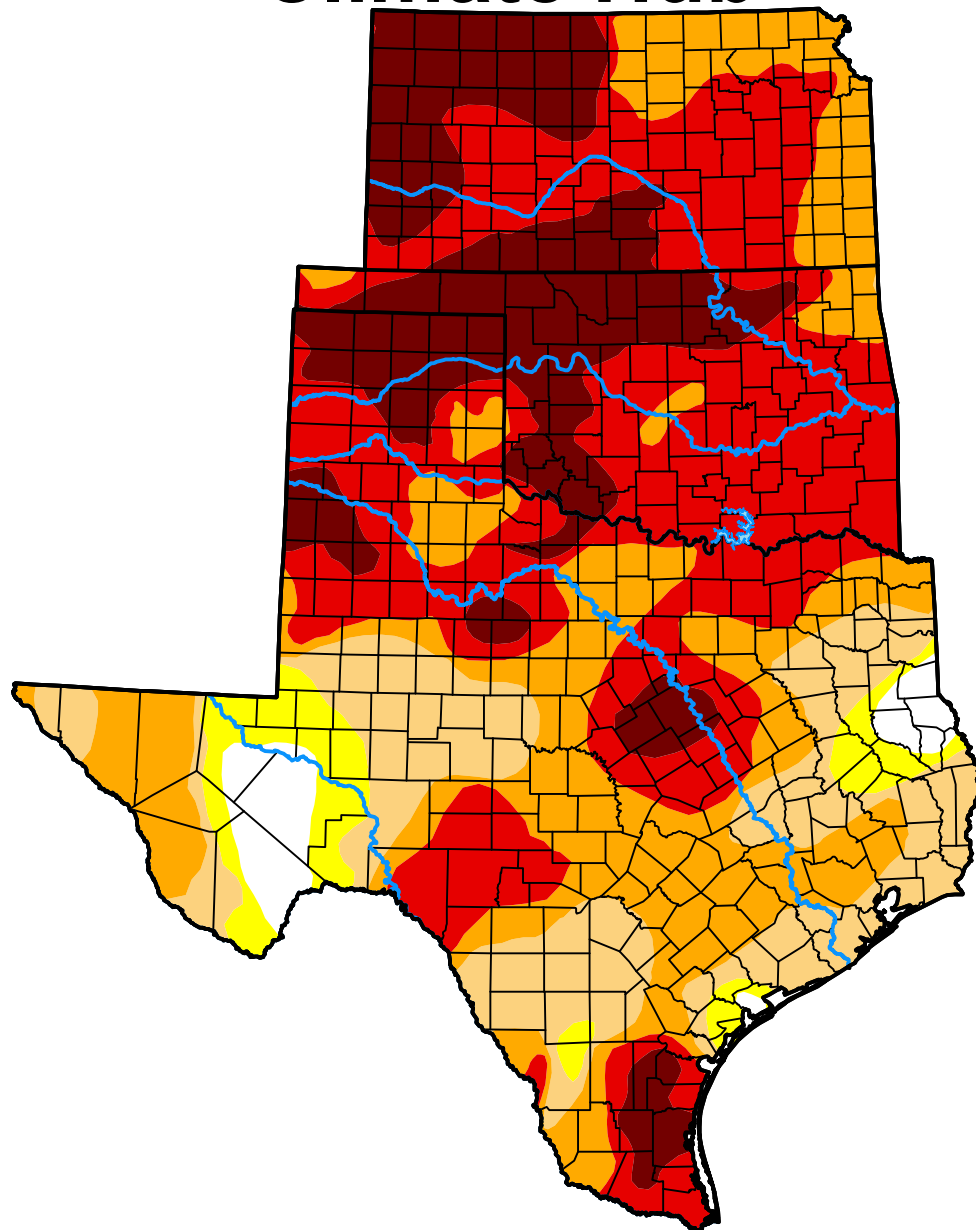


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.89	4.54	15.37	24.69	33.34	19.17
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	3.76	4.05	14.42	26.76	32.78	18.25
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	7.16	8.01	15.46	21.43	27.72	20.22
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.87	4.49	17.72	17.02	28.63	21.26
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.80	7.71	13.55	23.73	28.80	20.41
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	9.11	5.86	17.65	16.19	25.64	25.55

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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