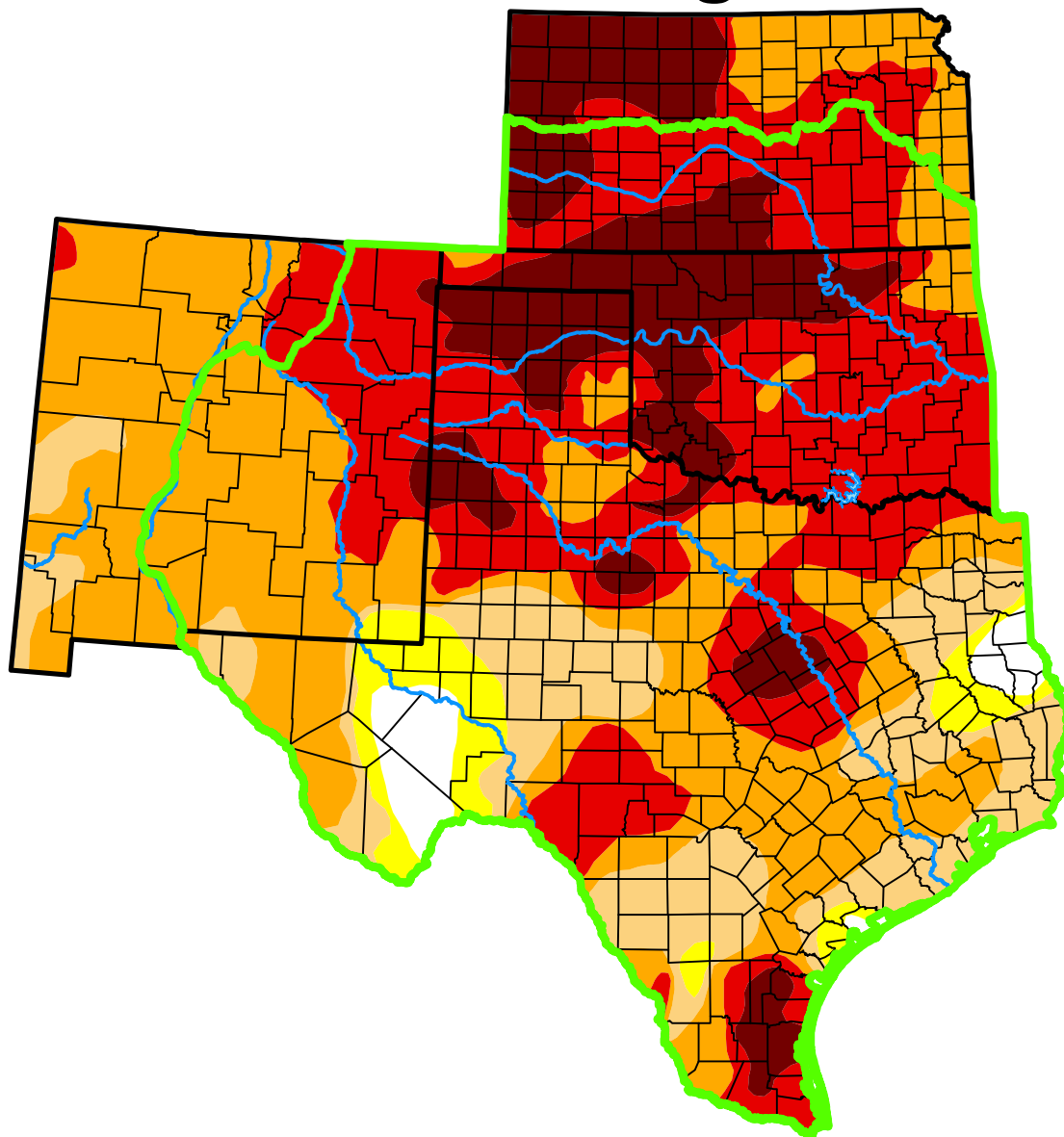


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 18, 2012

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.74	4.63	14.82	28.55	34.57	14.69
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	3.58	4.14	13.92	30.53	34.02	13.82
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	6.79	7.59	16.39	28.01	27.10	14.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	3.17	16.40	23.79	31.51	22.25
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.50	7.31	14.58	30.19	28.12	14.30
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	2.72	3.26	16.04	19.71	29.13	29.14

(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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