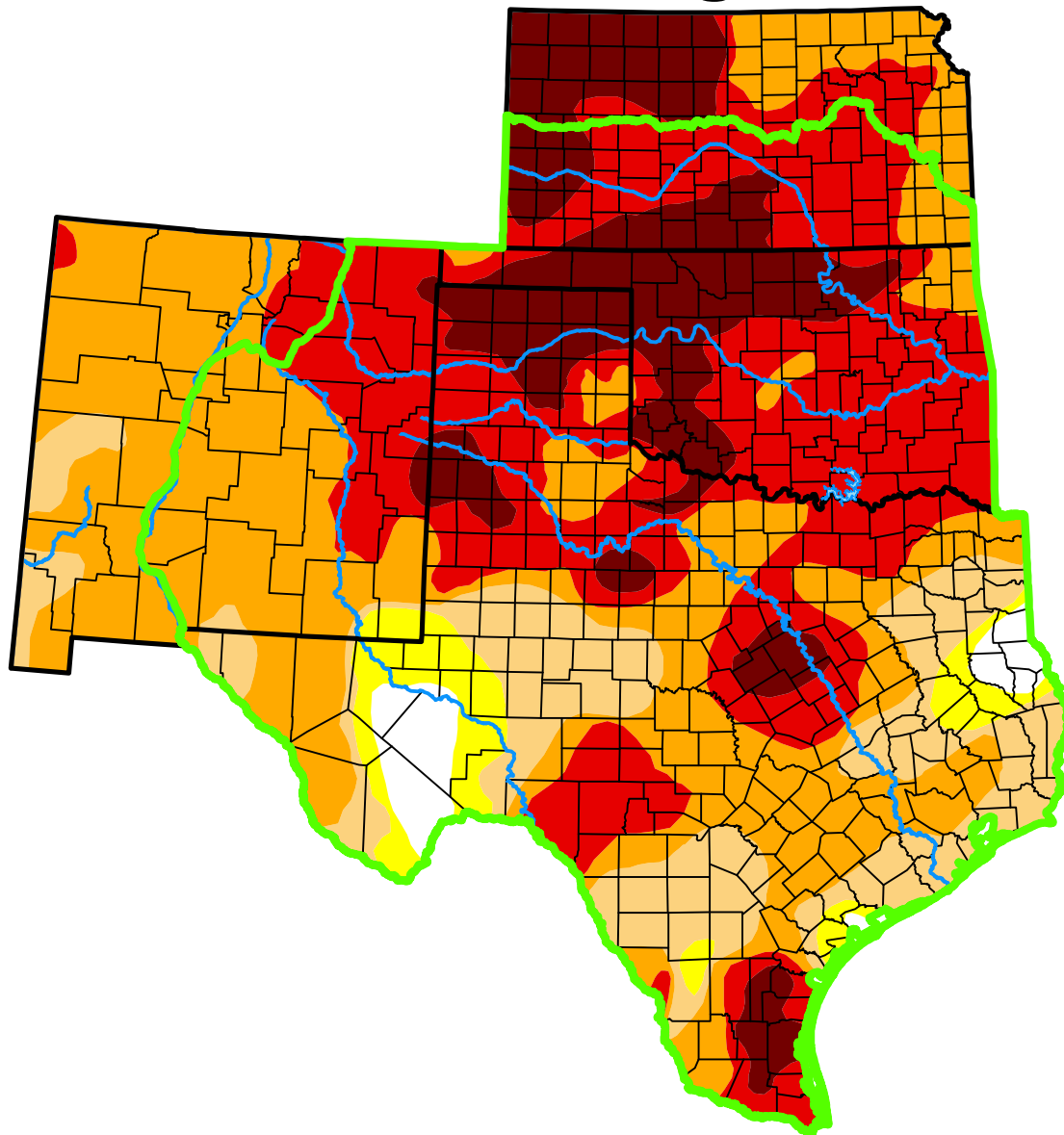


U.S. Drought Monitor

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	2.74	97.26	92.63	77.81	49.26	14.69
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	3.58	96.42	92.28	78.36	47.83	13.82
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	6.79	93.21	85.61	69.22	41.21	14.11
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>12-20-2011</i>	2.72	97.28	94.02	77.98	58.27	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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