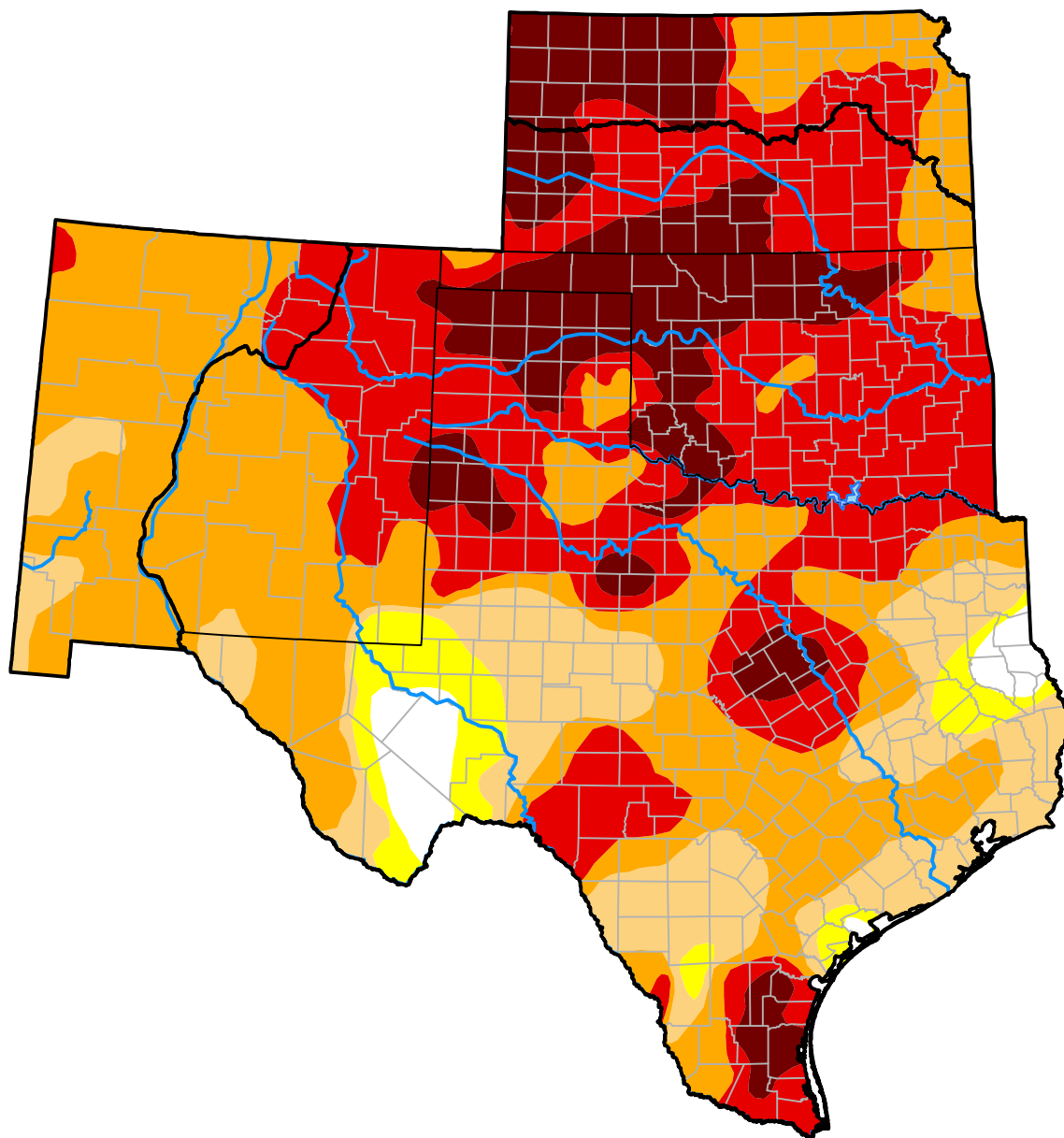


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.64	97.36	92.90	77.13	40.31	11.29
Last Week <i>12-13-2012</i>	3.45	96.55	92.56	77.66	38.94	10.45
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2012</i>	6.55	93.45	86.14	62.04	31.16	9.45
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	4.58	95.42	92.19	76.19	49.52	21.41
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2012</i>	5.30	94.70	87.65	65.30	32.32	9.63
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2011</i>	4.58	95.42	92.20	76.19	54.59	27.80

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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