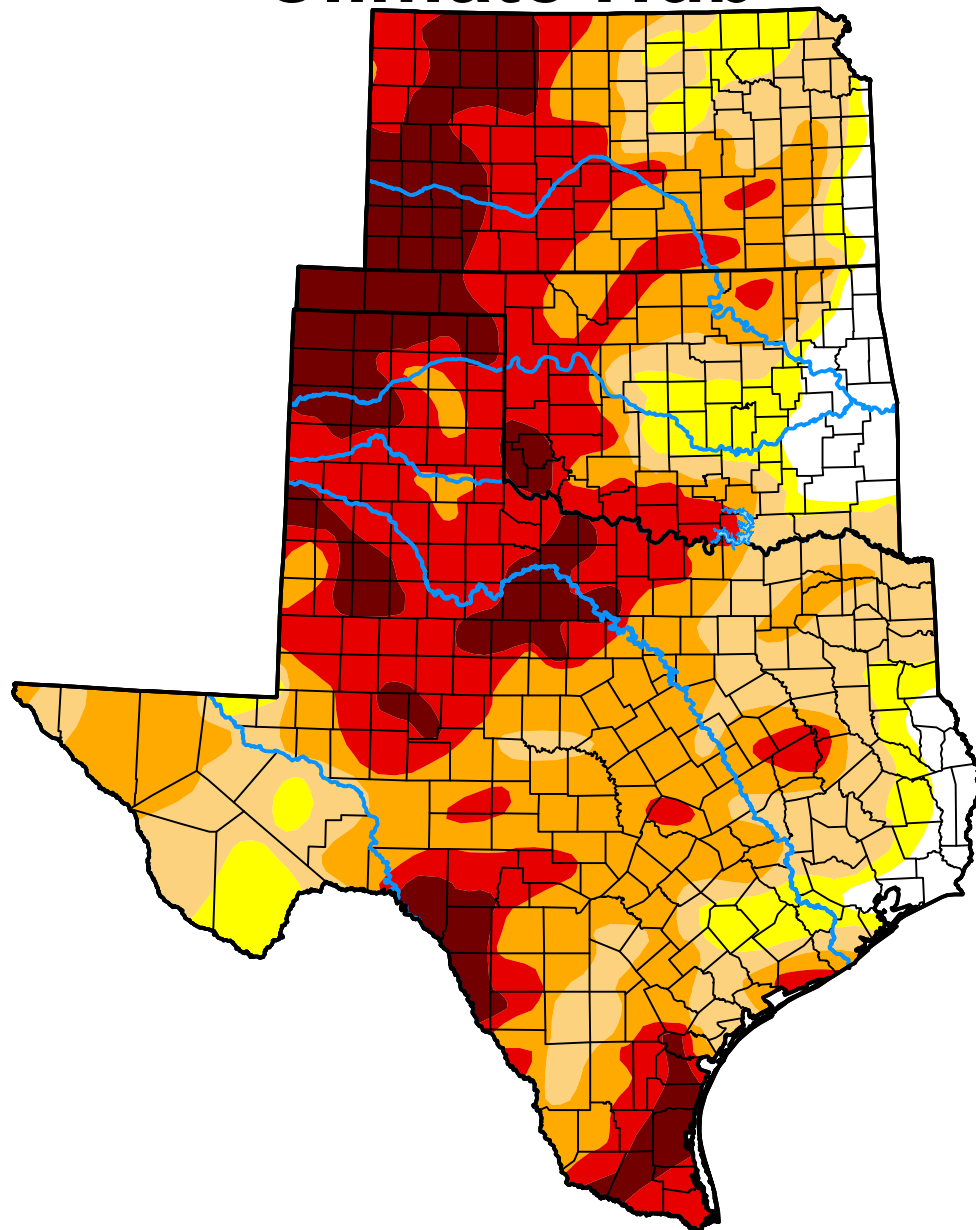


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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 5.22  | 8.66  | 19.86 | 28.42 | 24.35 | 13.49 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-07-2013</i>                  | 4.33  | 7.94  | 18.70 | 27.62 | 27.34 | 14.07 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-12-2013</i>               | 6.89  | 8.60  | 16.25 | 23.06 | 26.49 | 18.71 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2013</i> | 1.93  | 6.33  | 13.73 | 24.21 | 32.90 | 20.90 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2012</i>    | 5.80  | 7.71  | 13.55 | 23.73 | 28.80 | 20.41 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-15-2012</i>               | 39.70 | 19.96 | 16.99 | 14.15 | 8.31  | 0.89  |

## 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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