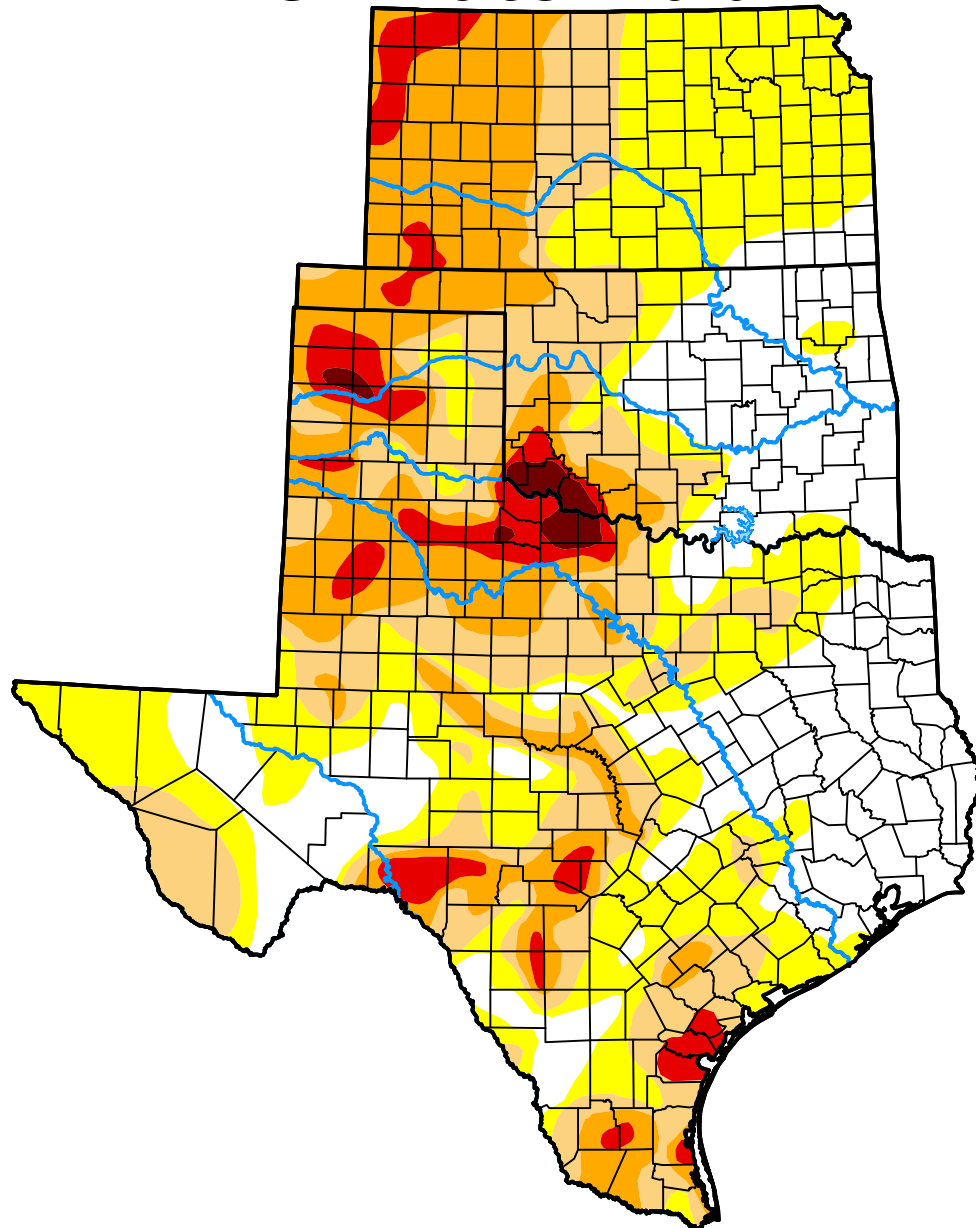


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**December 24, 2013**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                 | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 27.43 | 72.57 | 44.81 | 24.12 | 6.25  | 0.90  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-17-2013                  | 24.73 | 75.27 | 46.24 | 24.24 | 5.71  | 1.15  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-24-2013               | 14.18 | 85.82 | 67.05 | 40.99 | 7.41  | 0.42  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-01-2013 | 1.93  | 98.07 | 91.74 | 78.01 | 53.80 | 20.90 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>10-01-2013    | 16.94 | 83.06 | 60.22 | 25.19 | 4.07  | 0.32  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-25-2012               | 2.89  | 97.11 | 92.57 | 77.21 | 53.45 | 19.85 |

**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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