

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

**March 18, 2014**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 10.36 | 19.36 | 35.63 | 20.47 | 12.61 | 1.58  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-11-2014</i>                  | 10.66 | 22.68 | 31.04 | 24.35 | 9.58  | 1.68  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-17-2013</i>               | 24.73 | 29.03 | 22.00 | 18.53 | 4.56  | 1.15  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2013</i> | 27.54 | 28.96 | 20.20 | 17.69 | 4.71  | 0.90  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2013</i>    | 16.94 | 22.83 | 35.04 | 21.12 | 3.75  | 0.32  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-19-2013</i>               | 2.31  | 7.20  | 19.74 | 31.19 | 27.43 | 12.12 |

## 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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