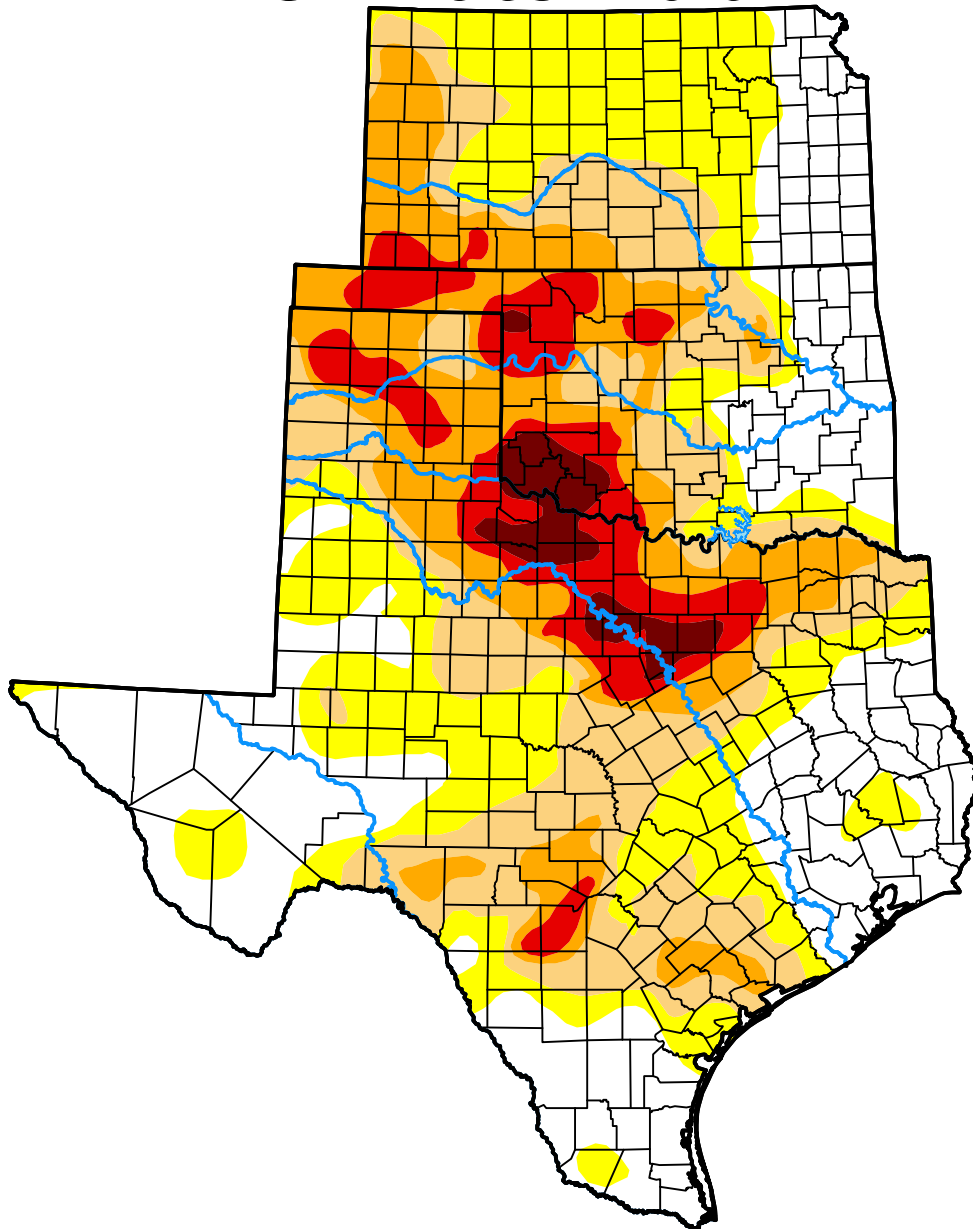


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	29.61	24.87	20.19	14.86	7.87	2.59
Last Week <i>12-09-2014</i>	29.13	25.31	20.10	15.01	7.87	2.59
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2014</i>	18.29	25.14	24.10	21.80	9.16	1.52
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2013</i>	27.54	28.96	20.20	17.69	4.71	0.90
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2014</i>	23.45	24.07	20.13	21.22	8.64	2.49
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2013</i>	24.73	29.03	22.00	18.53	4.56	1.15

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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