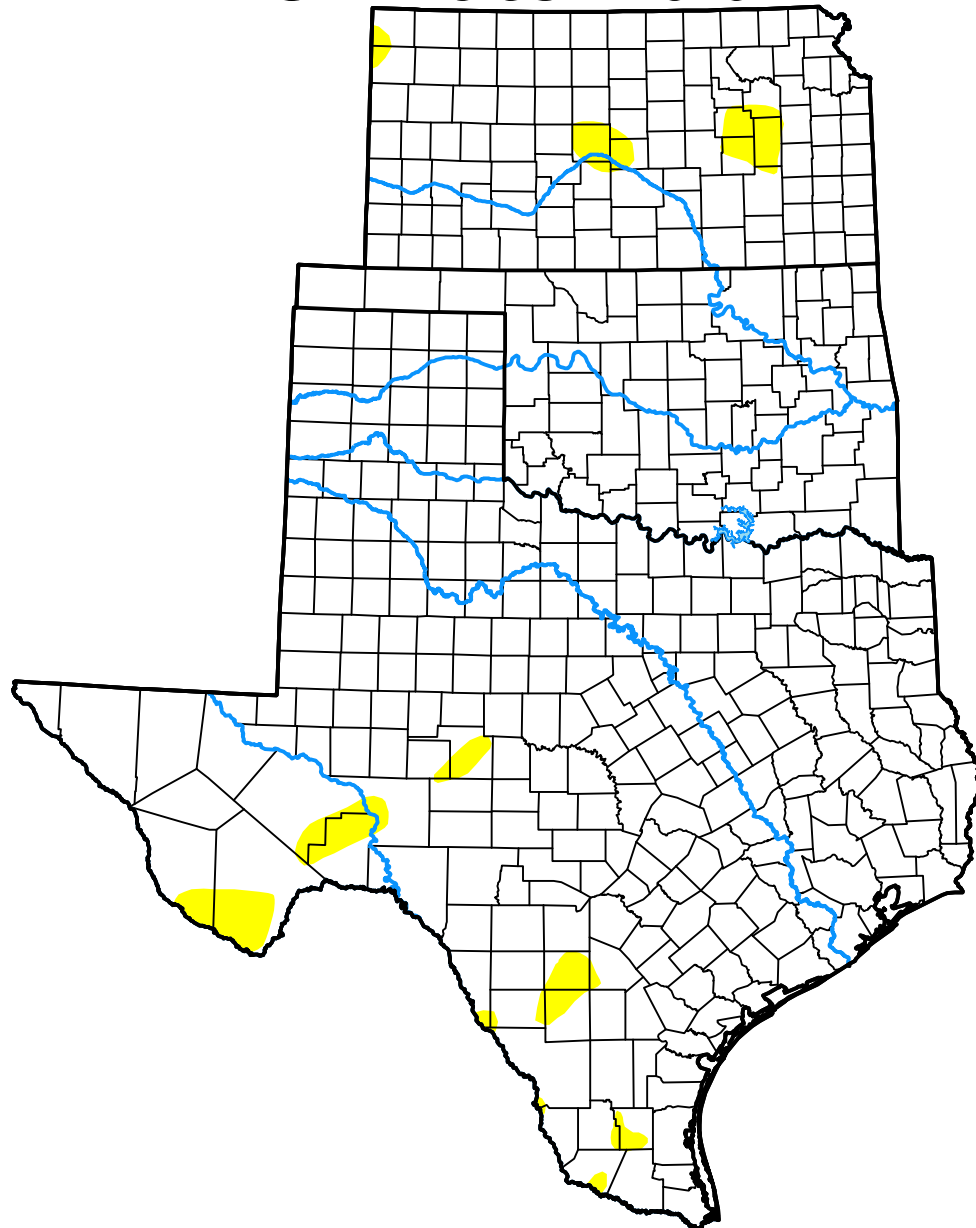


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**December 15, 2015**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 97.00 | 3.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-08-2015</i>              | 88.02 | 11.09 | 0.89  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-15-2015</i>           | 55.00 | 25.10 | 12.50 | 4.91  | 2.49 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2014</i> | 29.97 | 23.86 | 19.37 | 15.28 | 8.55 | 2.97 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 46.66 | 25.29 | 15.82 | 8.08  | 4.14 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2014</i>           | 29.61 | 24.87 | 20.19 | 14.86 | 7.87 | 2.59 |

## 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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