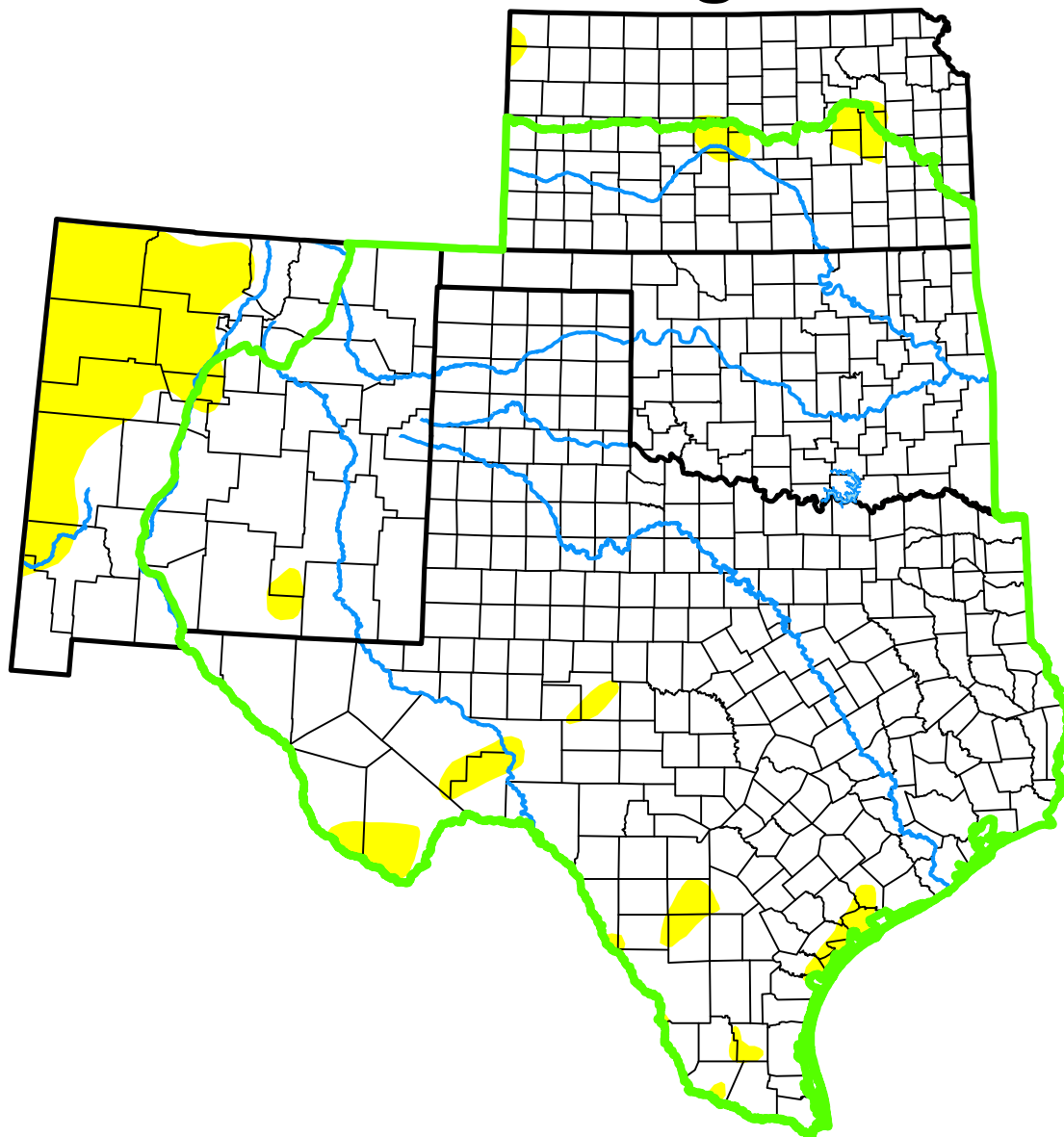


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS

### and Surrounding Areas



**December 22, 2015**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 96.46 | 3.54  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-15-2015              | 96.92 | 3.08  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-22-2015           | 53.29 | 26.60 | 11.12 | 6.03  | 2.95 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-30-2014 | 29.70 | 21.51 | 21.59 | 16.28 | 8.10 | 2.82 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2015    | 50.14 | 24.04 | 14.24 | 7.66  | 3.93 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-23-2014           | 29.66 | 22.30 | 22.27 | 15.66 | 7.41 | 2.70 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

#### 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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