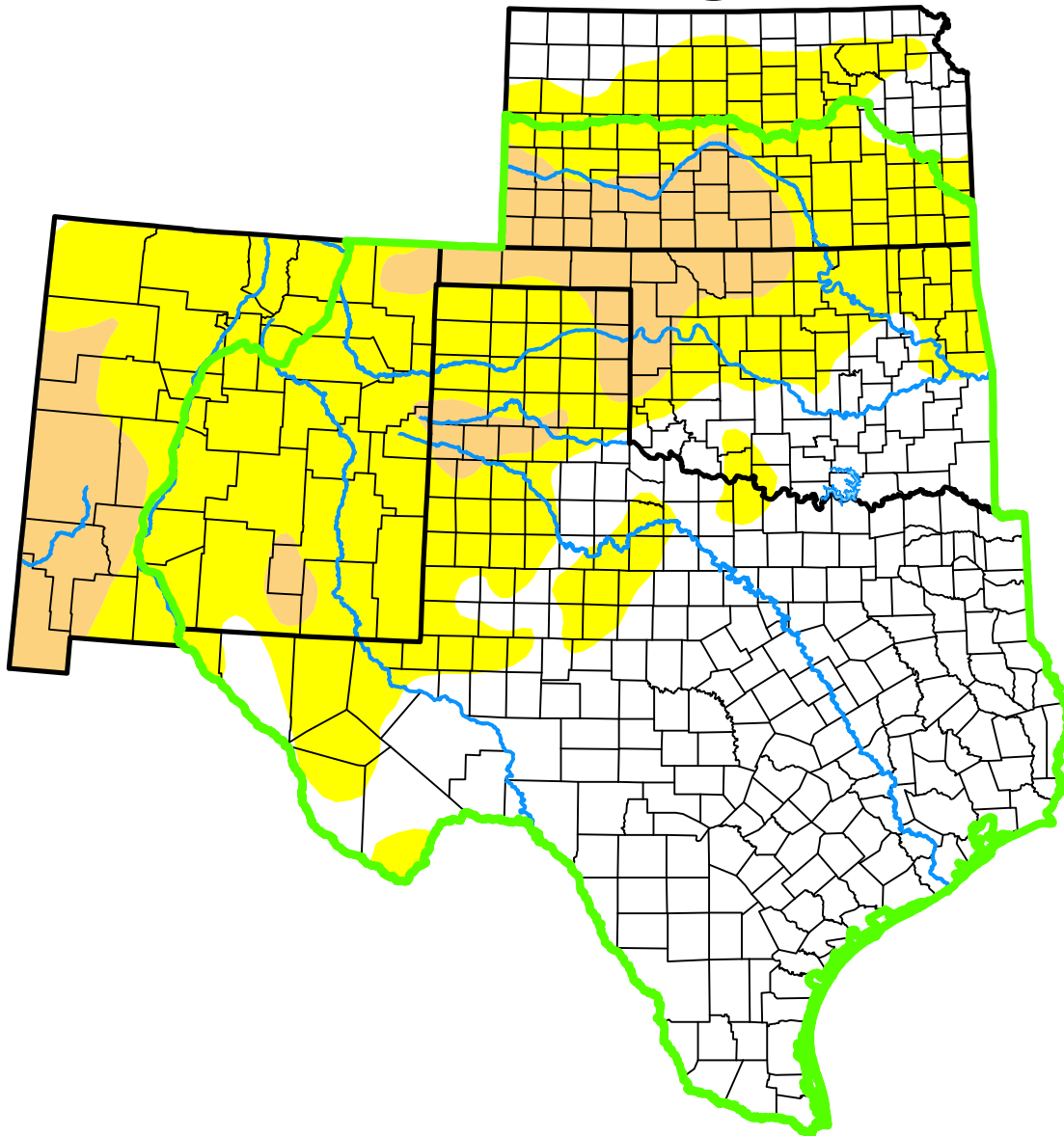


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**March 29, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 31, 2016)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 52.01 | 37.84 | 10.15 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-22-2016</i>              | 63.50 | 32.45 | 4.05  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i>           | 96.54 | 3.46  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 96.54 | 3.46  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 50.14 | 24.04 | 14.24 | 7.66  | 3.93  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-31-2015</i>           | 38.22 | 14.25 | 19.87 | 12.27 | 12.05 | 3.33 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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