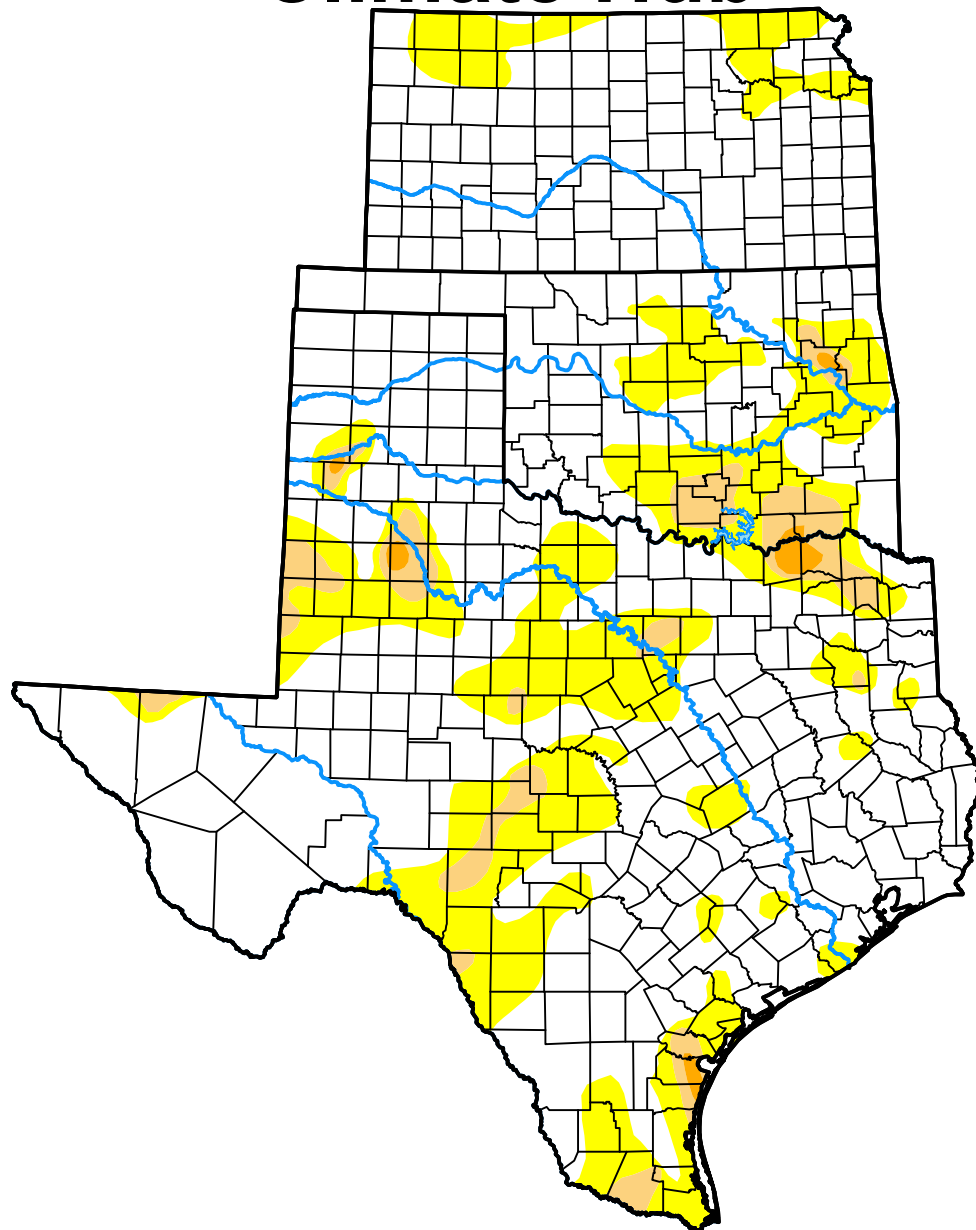


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**August 16, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 73.03 | 22.21 | 4.27  | 0.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-09-2016</i>              | 62.99 | 29.25 | 7.08  | 0.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-17-2016</i>           | 97.87 | 1.82  | 0.31  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 96.70 | 3.30  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <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>08-18-2015</i>           | 66.58 | 15.80 | 12.07 | 5.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**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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