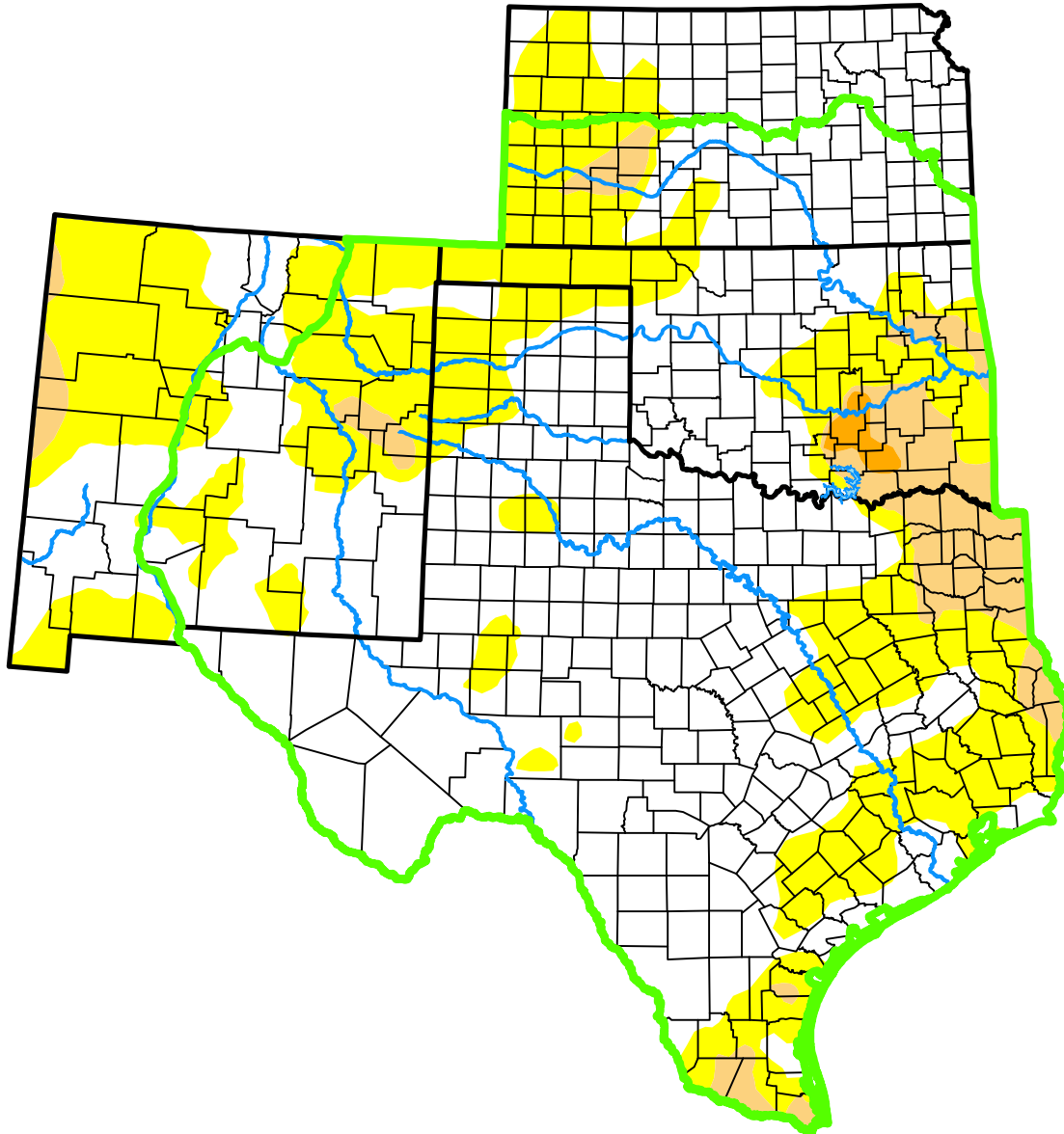


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**October 18, 2016**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	63.85	28.64	7.00	0.51	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-11-2016</i>	73.73	21.21	4.59	0.47	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-19-2016</i>	77.01	20.79	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	96.54	3.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	85.87	10.28	3.37	0.48	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-20-2015</i>	45.02	18.03	8.79	14.54	10.29	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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