

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**April 18, 2017**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 73.26 | 20.90 | 4.30  | 1.54 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-13-2017</i>              | 66.29 | 24.31 | 7.30  | 2.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-19-2017</i>           | 66.48 | 17.65 | 10.47 | 4.67 | 0.73 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2017</i> | 65.81 | 16.66 | 7.86  | 8.80 | 0.87 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2016</i>    | 78.11 | 17.59 | 3.83  | 0.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-21-2016</i>           | 56.23 | 27.95 | 15.37 | 0.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

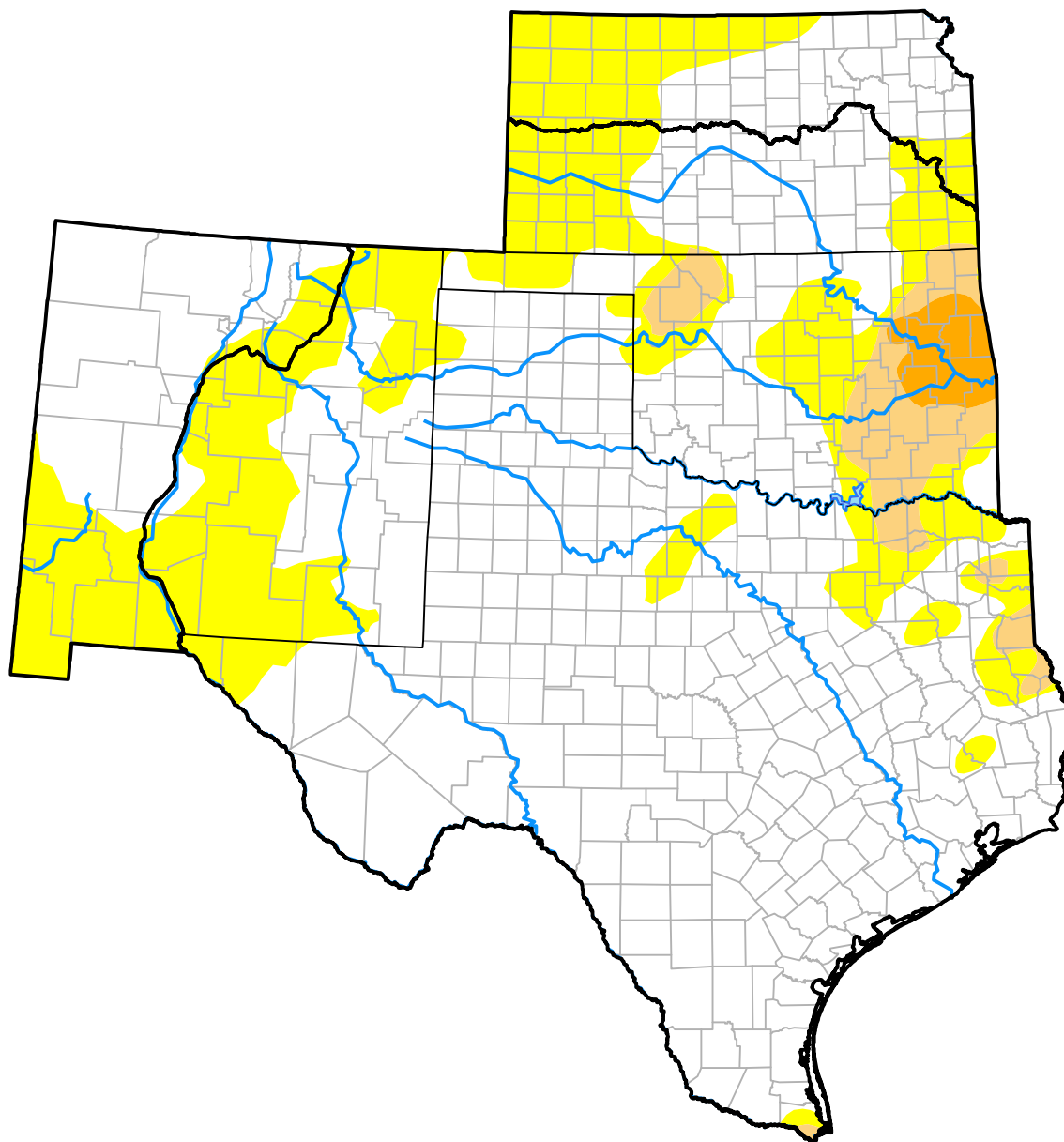
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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