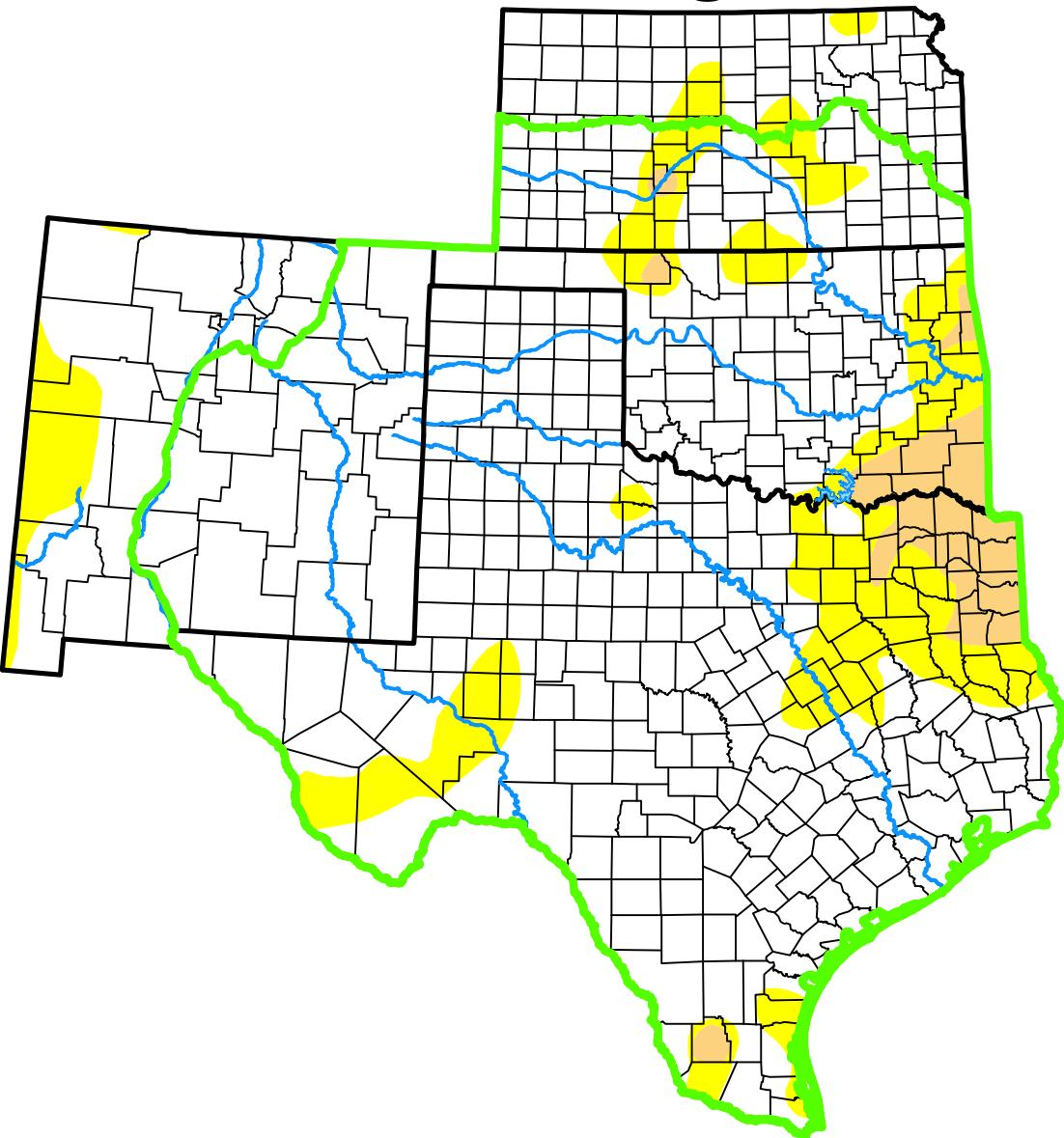


U.S. Drought Monitor
**Southern Plains DEWS
and Surrounding Areas**



October 17, 2017
(Released Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	81.49	13.96	4.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-10-2017	83.54	12.51	3.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-18-2017	71.69	21.57	6.27	0.47	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	58.87	19.45	9.10	11.67	0.91	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	72.38	24.10	3.37	0.15	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-18-2016	63.85	28.64	7.00	0.51	0.00	0.00

(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>

Author:

Jessica Blunden
NCEI/NOAA



droughtmonitor.unl.edu