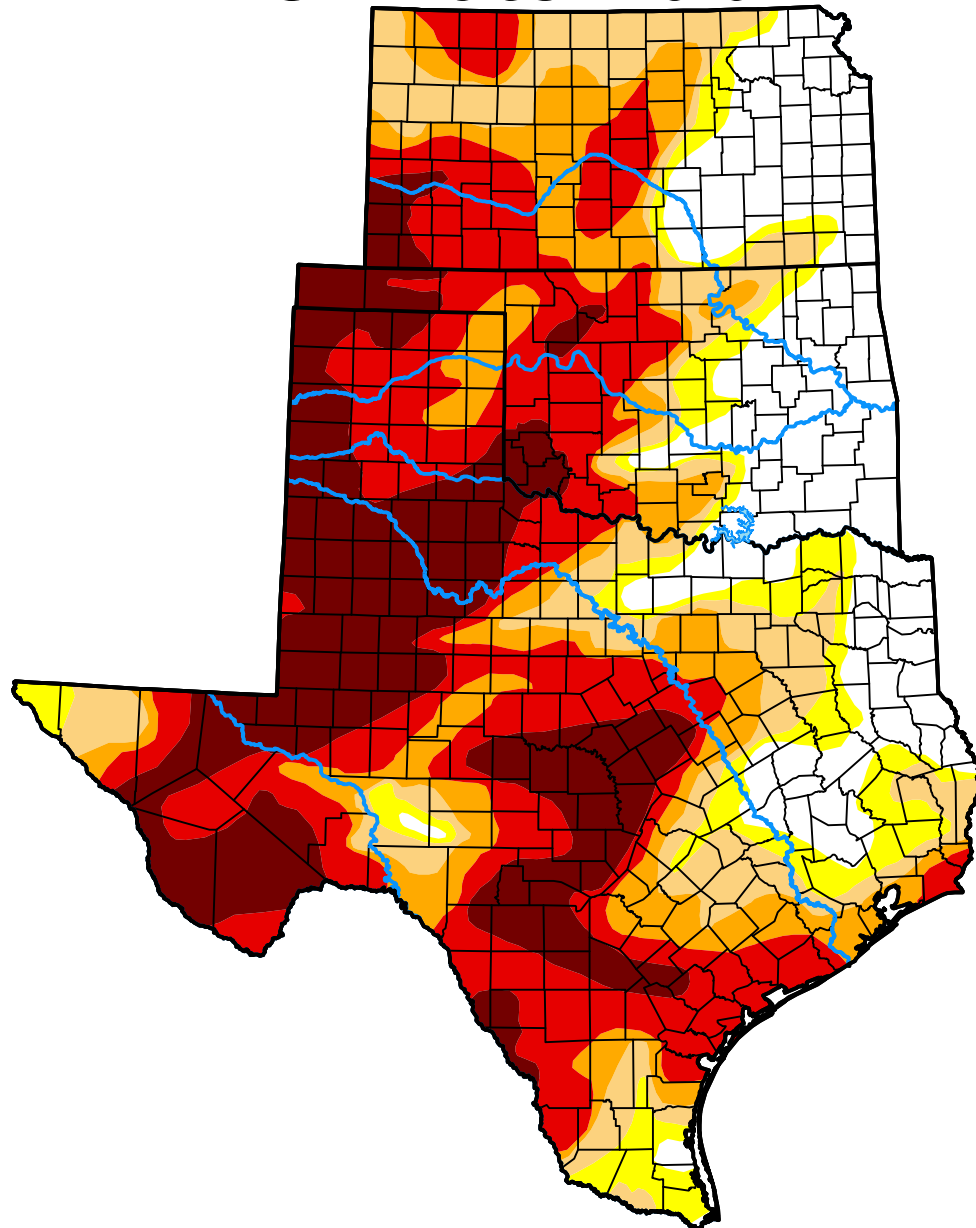


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**May 17, 2022**  
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 18.26 | 7.96  | 12.99 | 14.45 | 25.46 | 20.88 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-10-2022</i>                  | 18.92 | 8.69  | 12.48 | 16.58 | 25.60 | 17.73 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-15-2022</i>               | 10.70 | 11.43 | 24.70 | 27.10 | 25.58 | 0.49  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2022</i> | 10.63 | 13.57 | 26.46 | 31.48 | 17.86 | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2021</i>    | 40.13 | 40.02 | 14.89 | 4.51  | 0.44  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-18-2021</i>               | 54.68 | 22.69 | 9.54  | 5.37  | 3.96  | 3.77  |

**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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