# *U.S. Drought Monitor*

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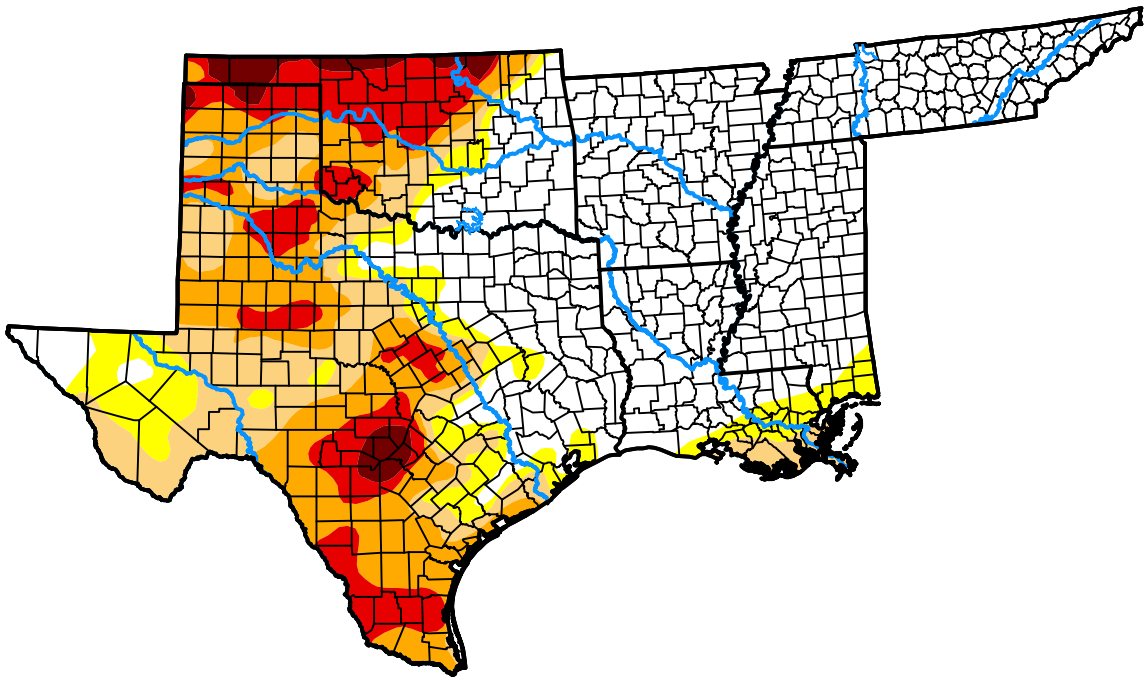

## March 14, 2023

***(Released Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023)***

**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 49.28 | 9.22 | 13.76 | 15.68 | 9.95 | 2.11 |
| **Last Week** *03-07-2023* | 48.32 | 10.80 | 16.07 | 13.16 | 9.54 | 2.11 |
| **3 Months Ago** *12-13-2022* | 22.79 | 24.36 | 26.21 | 15.46 | 8.92 | 2.25 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-03-2023* | 39.16 | 22.93 | 13.70 | 12.99 | 8.86 | 2.36 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-27-2022* | 18.74 | 29.17 | 19.58 | 19.18 | 10.51 | 2.83 |
| **One Year Ago** *03-15-2022* | 19.30 | 6.04 | 18.33 | 24.90 | 25.16 | 6.28 |

*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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