

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS

**May 20, 2025**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 48.50 | 16.57 | 14.22 | 6.09  | 5.43 | 9.20 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-13-2025</i>              | 48.22 | 16.39 | 14.51 | 6.25  | 5.43 | 9.20 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-18-2025</i>           | 27.06 | 40.38 | 16.97 | 4.89  | 6.70 | 4.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-07-2025</i> | 42.10 | 24.40 | 19.82 | 5.25  | 4.43 | 4.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2024</i>    | 21.87 | 36.07 | 23.59 | 10.88 | 5.45 | 2.14 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-21-2024</i>           | 51.72 | 20.39 | 13.36 | 13.25 | 1.28 | 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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