

U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

December 16, 2025
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.43	25.92	21.50	9.82	5.11	0.23
Last Week <i>12-09-2025</i>	37.82	27.31	19.82	11.93	2.90	0.23
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2025</i>	55.74	29.65	7.66	4.83	1.93	0.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-07-2025</i>	42.10	24.40	19.82	5.25	4.43	4.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	50.45	32.69	8.59	6.15	1.93	0.18
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2024</i>	37.70	23.32	24.13	6.60	4.25	4.00

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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