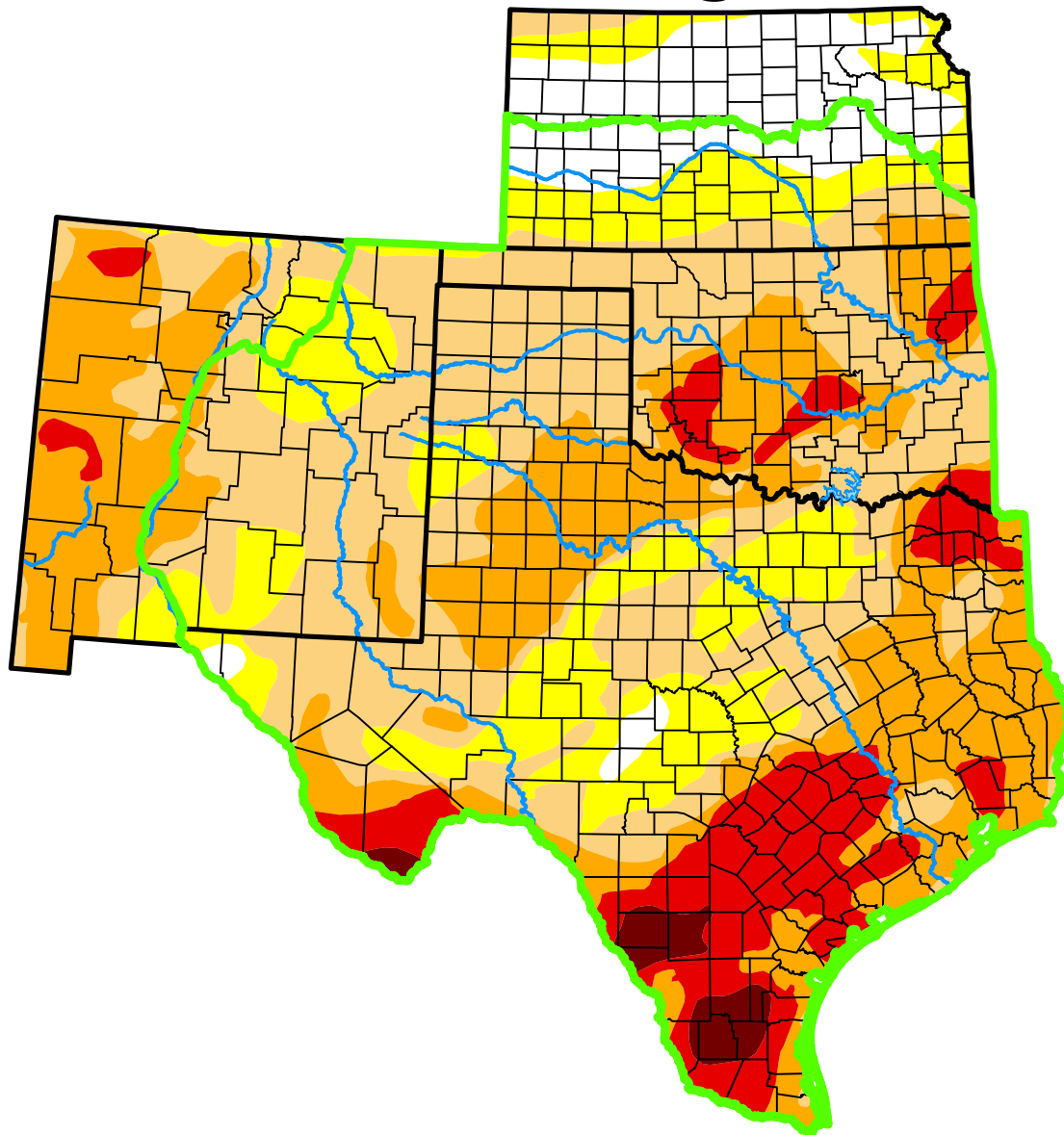


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.07	17.00	31.91	25.32	12.74	1.95
Last Week <i>02-24-2026</i>	13.28	18.84	34.83	19.05	13.09	0.92
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2025</i>	37.23	27.91	19.53	11.95	3.15	0.23
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	24.07	24.64	30.40	13.81	6.86	0.23
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>03-04-2025</i>	20.37	36.18	25.07	7.37	6.14	4.88

(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>

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