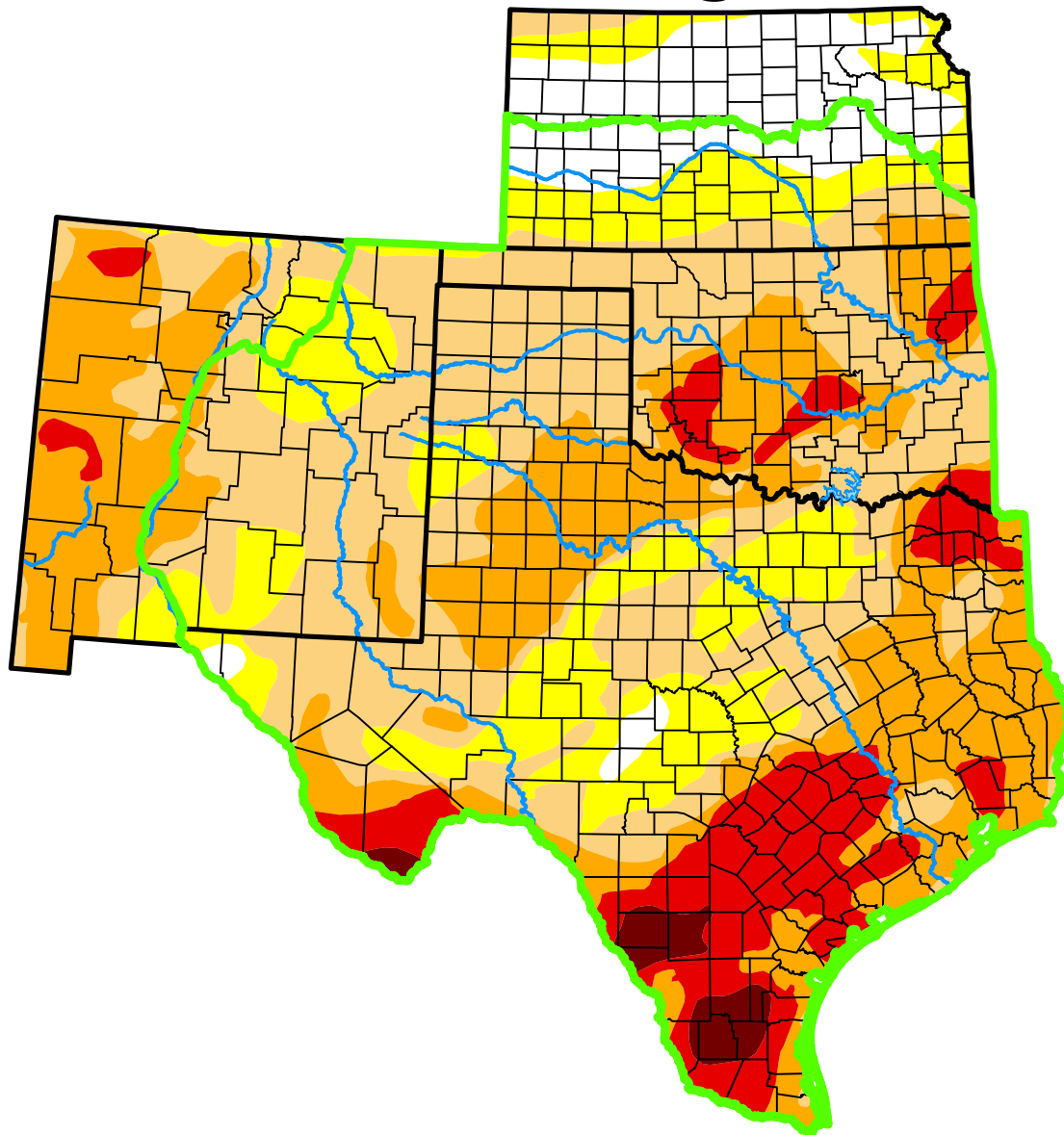


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.07	88.93	71.92	40.01	14.69	1.95
Last Week <i>02-24-2026</i>	13.28	86.72	67.88	33.05	14.01	0.92
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2025</i>	37.23	62.77	34.86	15.33	3.38	0.23
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	24.07	75.93	51.29	20.89	7.08	0.23
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	50.45	49.55	16.86	8.26	2.12	0.18
One Year Ago <i>03-04-2025</i>	20.37	79.63	43.45	18.39	11.02	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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