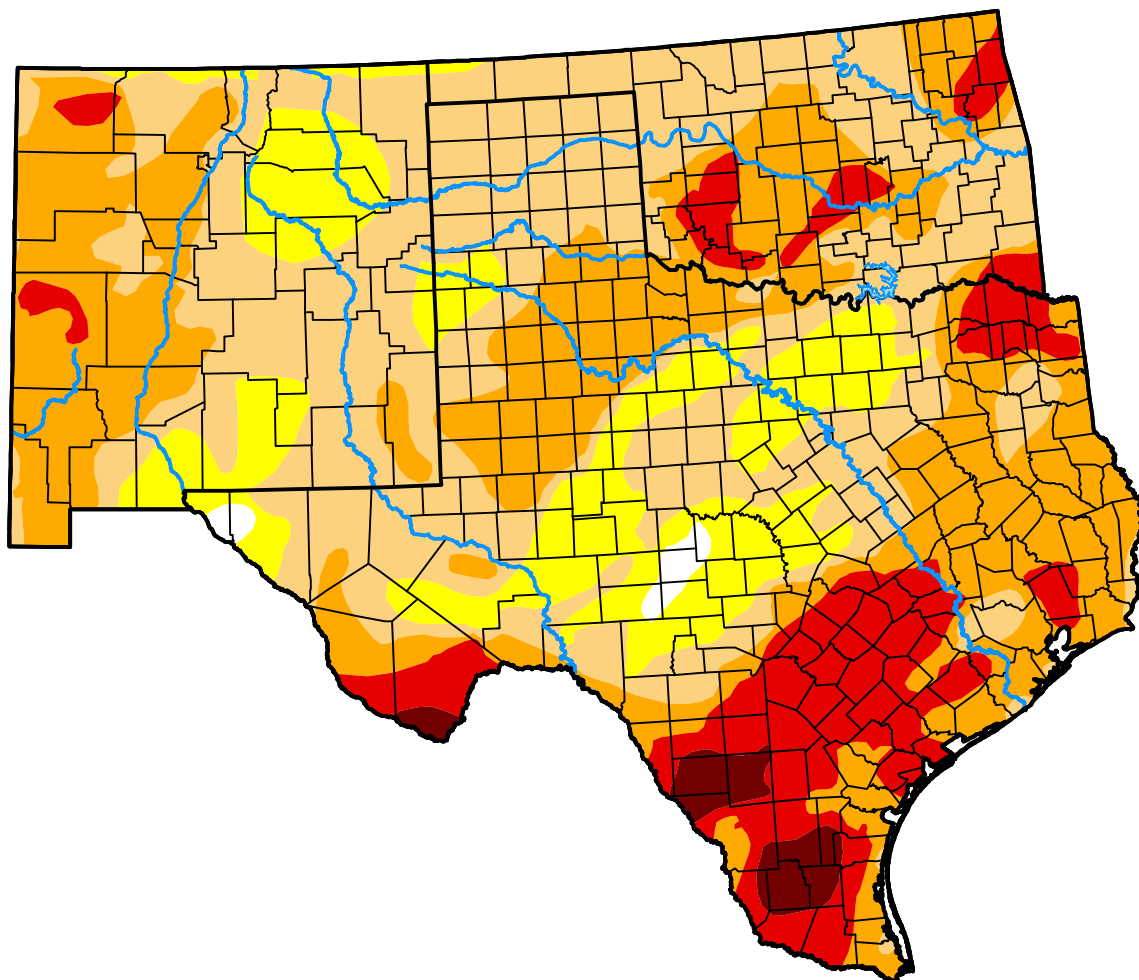


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.64	14.74	38.78	31.88	12.17	1.79
Last Week <i>02-24-2026</i>	1.37	20.07	38.84	26.40	12.49	0.84
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2025</i>	24.90	25.32	21.93	24.07	3.57	0.21
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	9.70	26.78	30.61	25.74	6.96	0.21
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	36.68	30.54	12.57	14.43	4.97	0.81
One Year Ago <i>03-04-2025</i>	16.79	28.95	26.57	13.89	9.31	4.48

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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