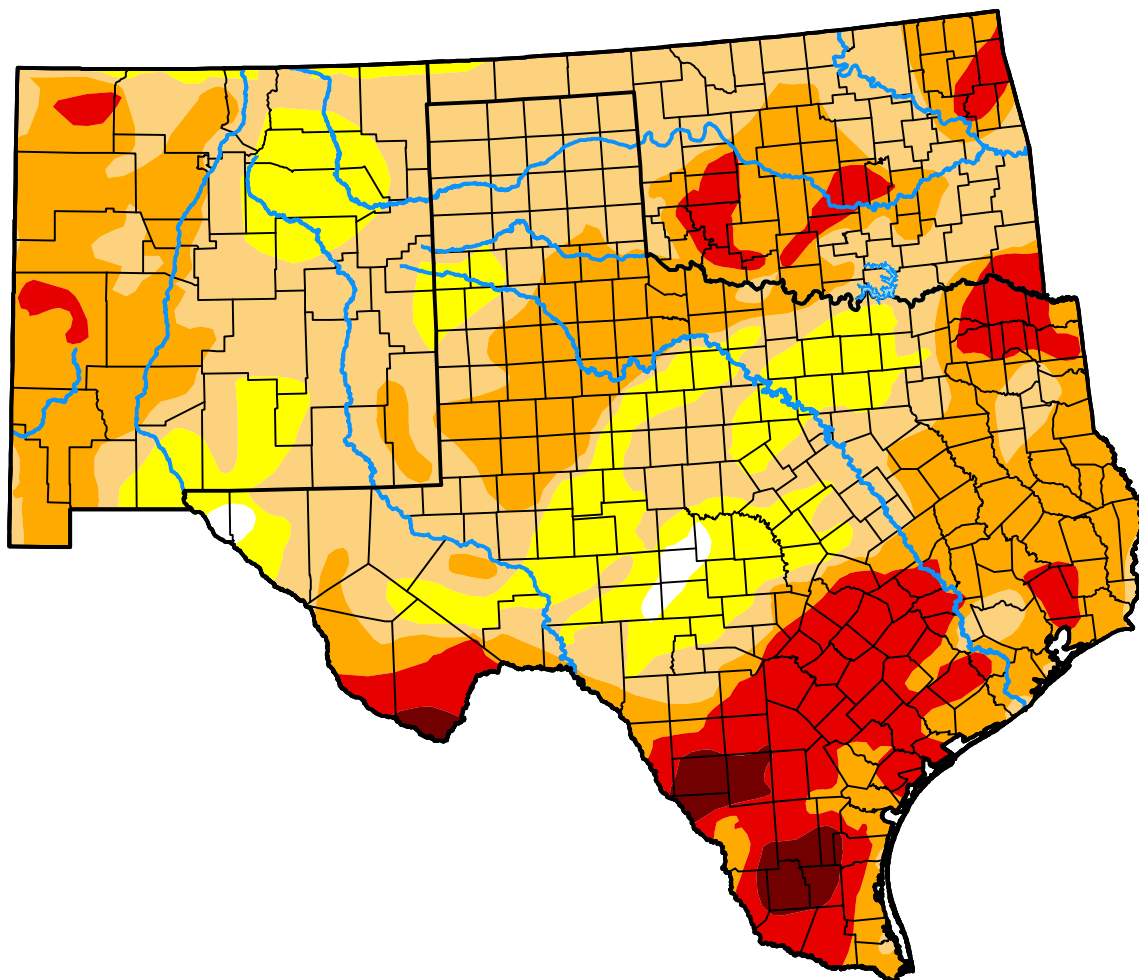


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.64	99.36	84.62	45.84	13.96	1.79
Last Week <i>02-24-2026</i>	1.37	98.63	78.56	39.73	13.33	0.84
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2025</i>	24.90	75.10	49.78	27.84	3.77	0.21
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	9.70	90.30	63.51	32.91	7.16	0.21
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	36.68	63.32	32.77	20.21	5.78	0.81
One Year Ago <i>03-04-2025</i>	16.79	83.21	54.25	27.68	13.79	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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