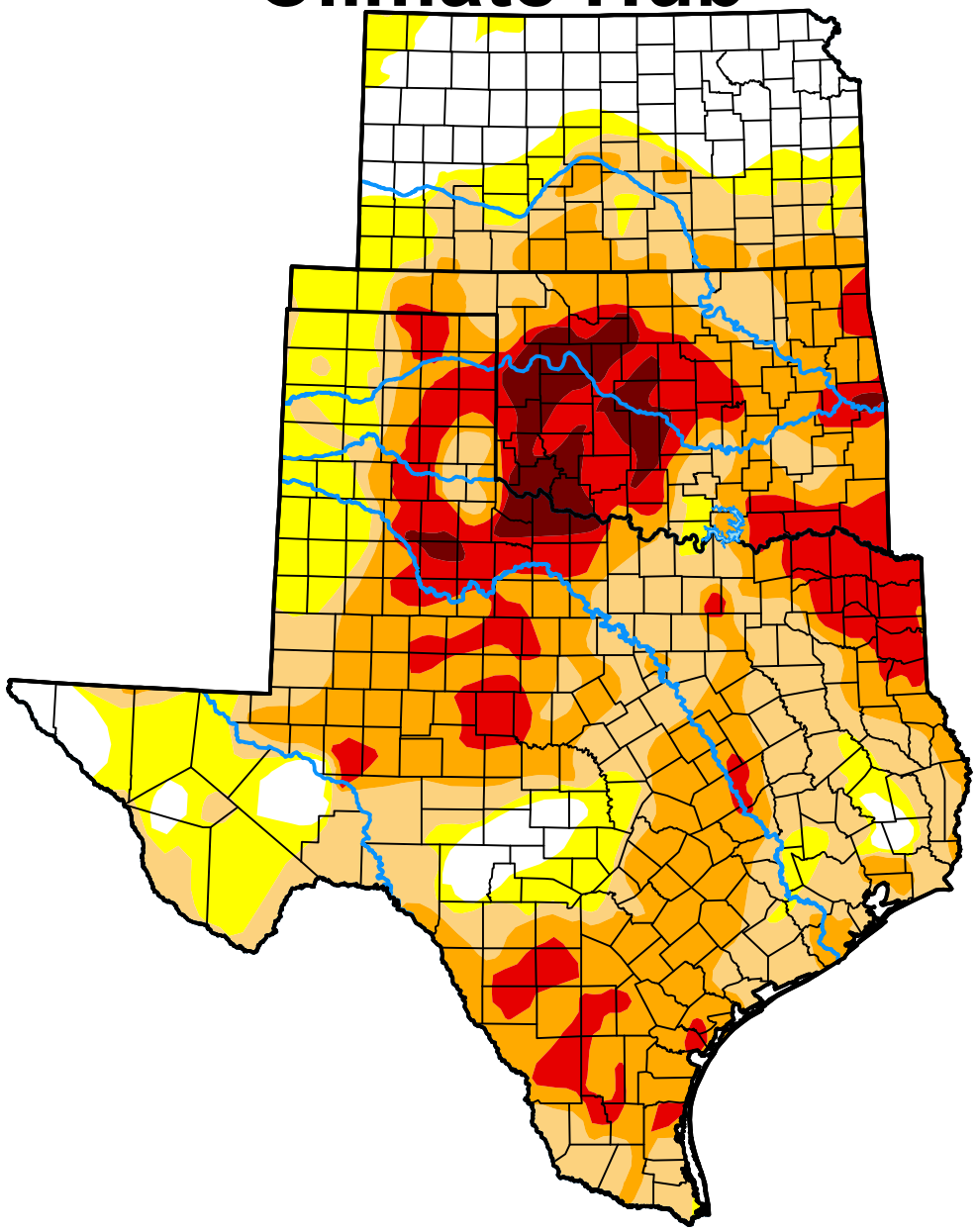
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.21	14.99	26.07	28.97	13.32	3.44
Last Week *10-06-2026*	12.79	12.83	25.55	33.14	12.32	3.37
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	55.11	16.01	16.16	9.46	3.01	0.26
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	24.07	24.64	30.40	13.81	6.86	0.23
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	50.45	32.69	8.59	6.15	1.93	0.18
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	28.88	45.16	17.89	5.06	2.83	0.18

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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