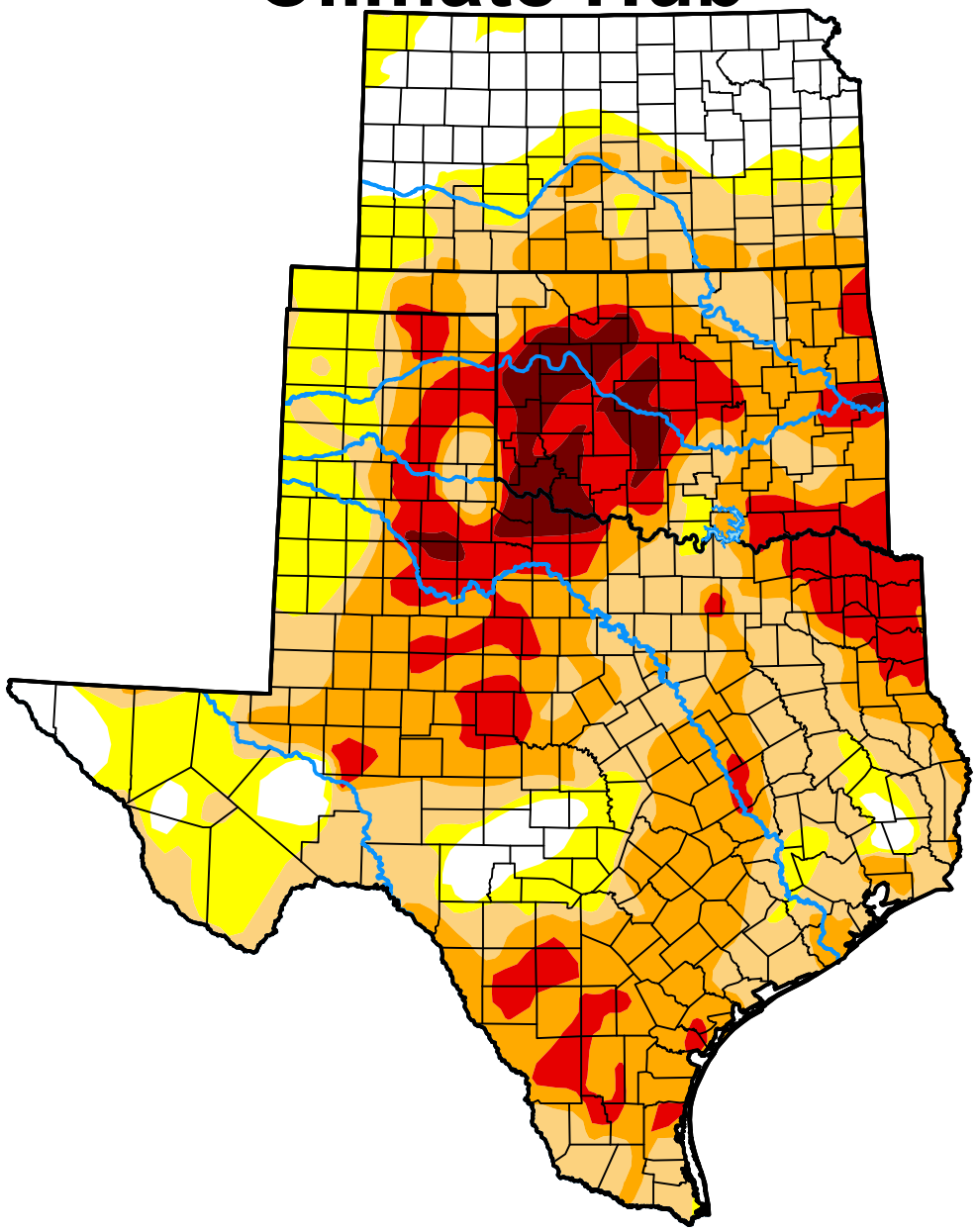
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.21	86.79	71.80	45.73	16.76	3.44
Last Week *10-06-2026*	12.79	87.21	74.38	48.83	15.69	3.37
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	55.11	44.89	28.89	12.73	3.27	0.26
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	24.07	75.93	51.29	20.89	7.08	0.23
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	50.45	49.55	16.86	8.26	2.12	0.18
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	28.88	71.12	25.97	8.07	3.01	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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