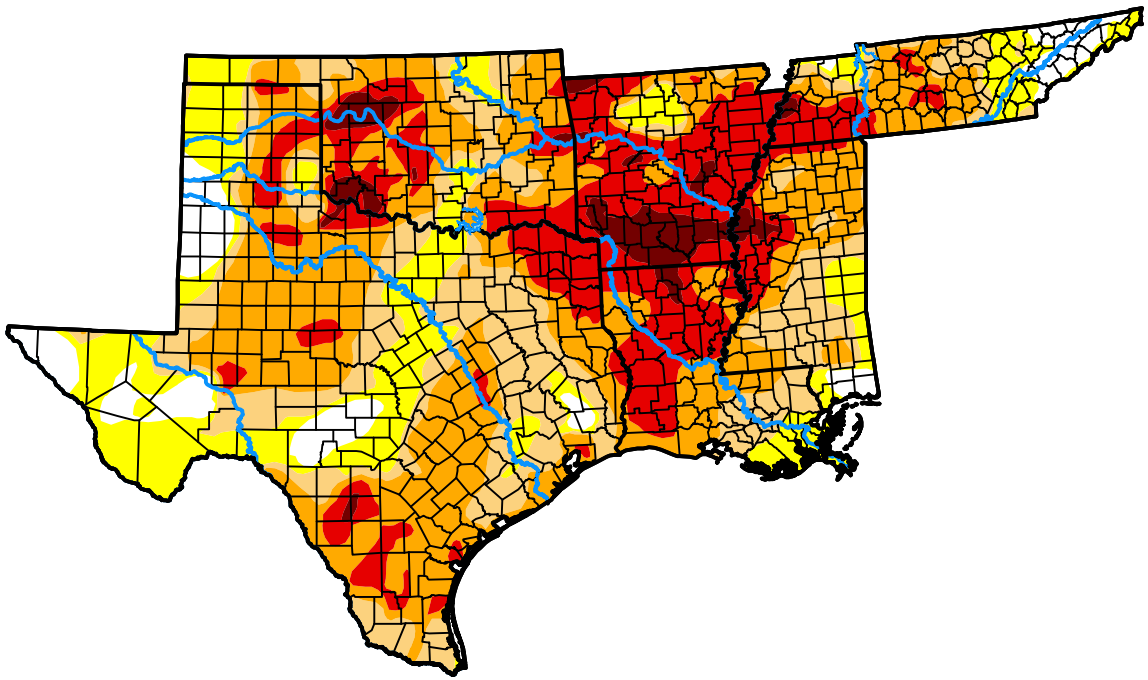
U.S. Drought Monitor

South Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.08	16.28	20.78	33.11	20.10	3.66
Last Week *10-13-2026*	4.22	14.31	25.20	34.11	18.36	3.79
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	55.96	19.44	12.31	8.67	3.17	0.46
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	8.56	24.95	43.47	17.39	5.45	0.18
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	1.71	9.29	23.00	39.99	20.63	5.39
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	19.44	43.48	26.39	7.63	2.91	0.15

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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