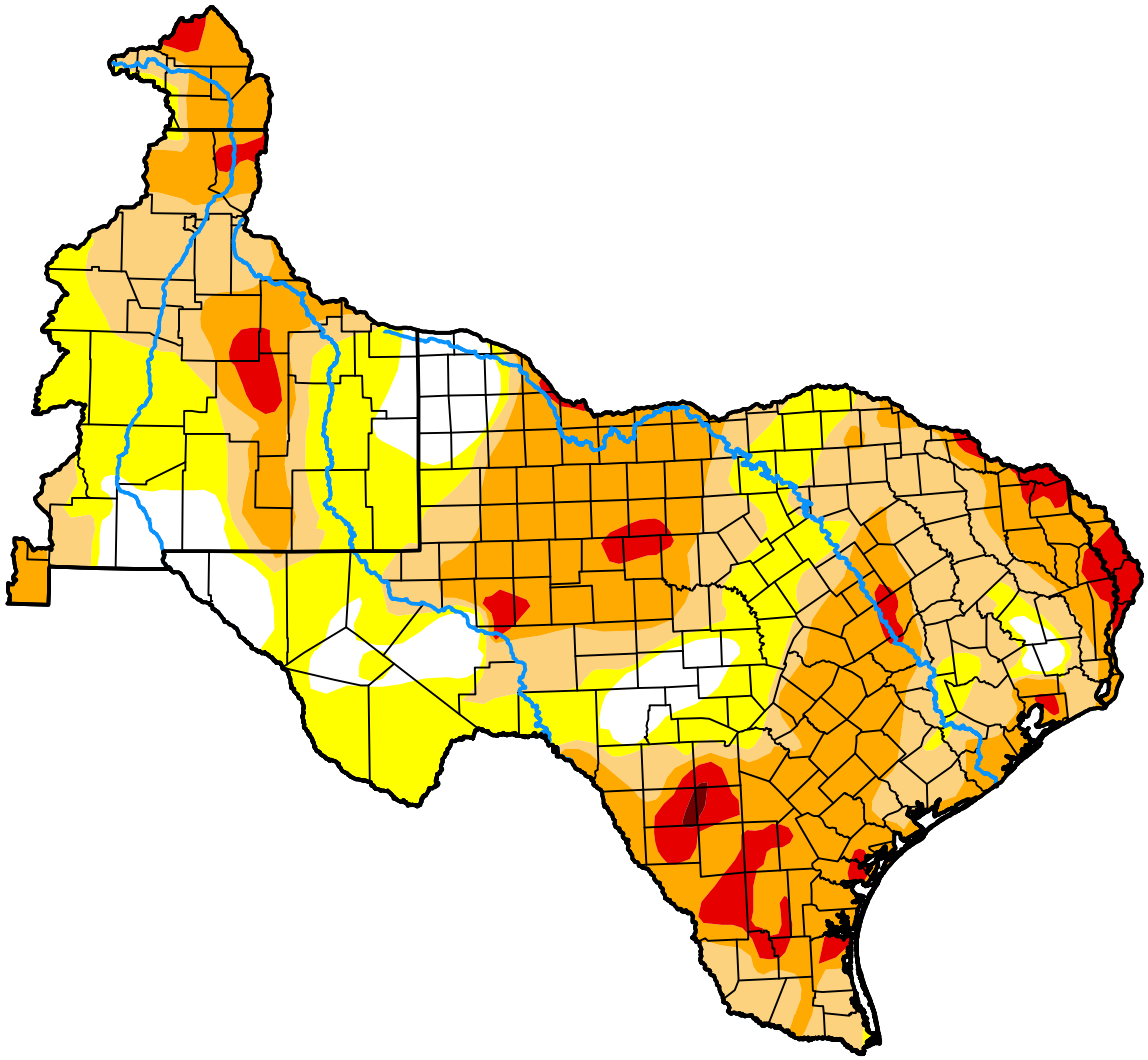
U.S. Drought Monitor

West Gulf RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.74	25.12	26.97	32.35	5.68	0.14
Last Week *10-13-2026*	5.13	16.43	34.70	35.38	8.33	0.04
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	53.00	12.10	14.73	11.99	7.86	0.31
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	9.21	26.53	27.31	28.89	7.75	0.30
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	1.68	8.98	32.39	37.74	17.52	1.68
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	7.31	38.77	29.34	18.77	5.57	0.24

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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