U.S. Drought Monitor

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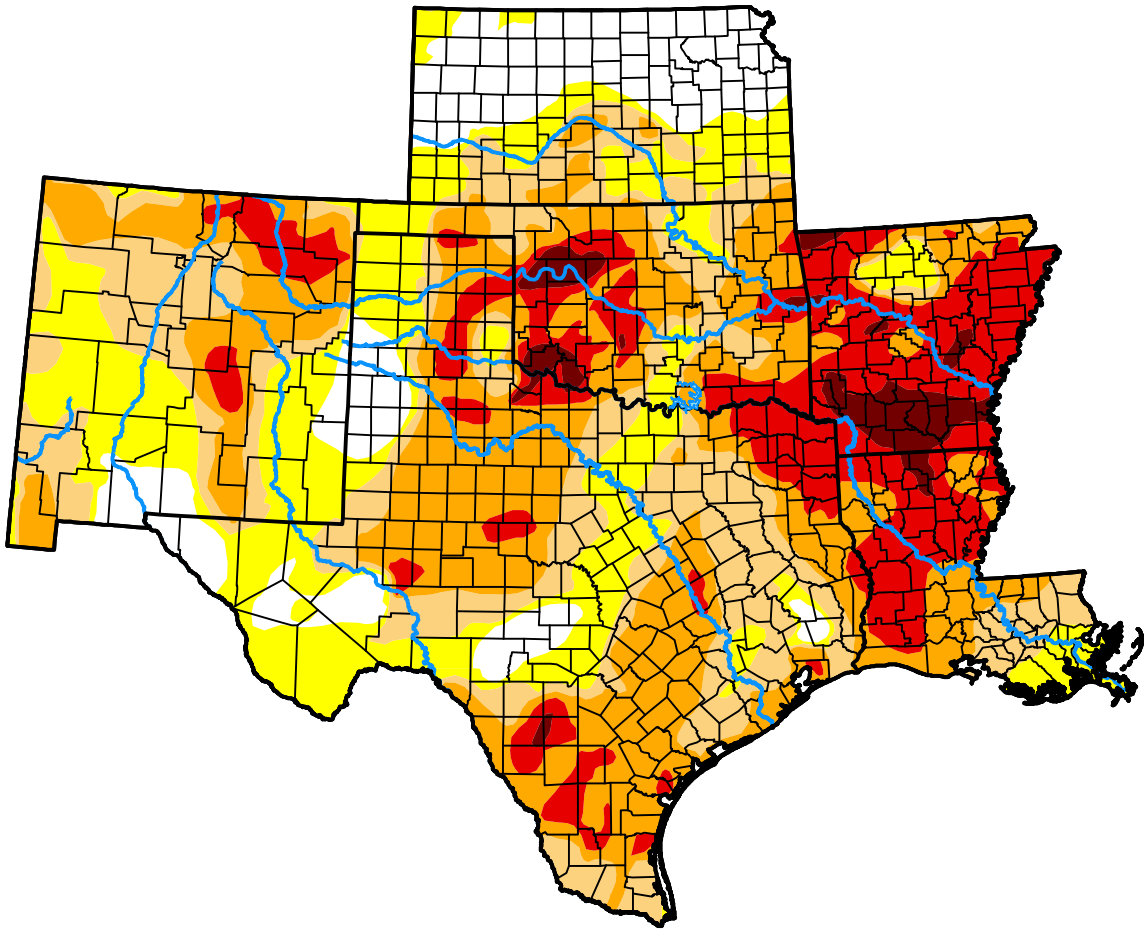

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.62	20.67	21.58	27.80	15.63	2.70
Last Week *10-13-2026*	9.08	14.77	25.59	31.99	15.69	2.88
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	45.09	15.61	14.49	15.20	9.30	0.31
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	15.82	24.60	31.97	22.48	4.97	0.15
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	4.64	8.84	24.51	38.42	19.22	4.36
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	23.38	35.55	23.95	12.67	4.33	0.12

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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