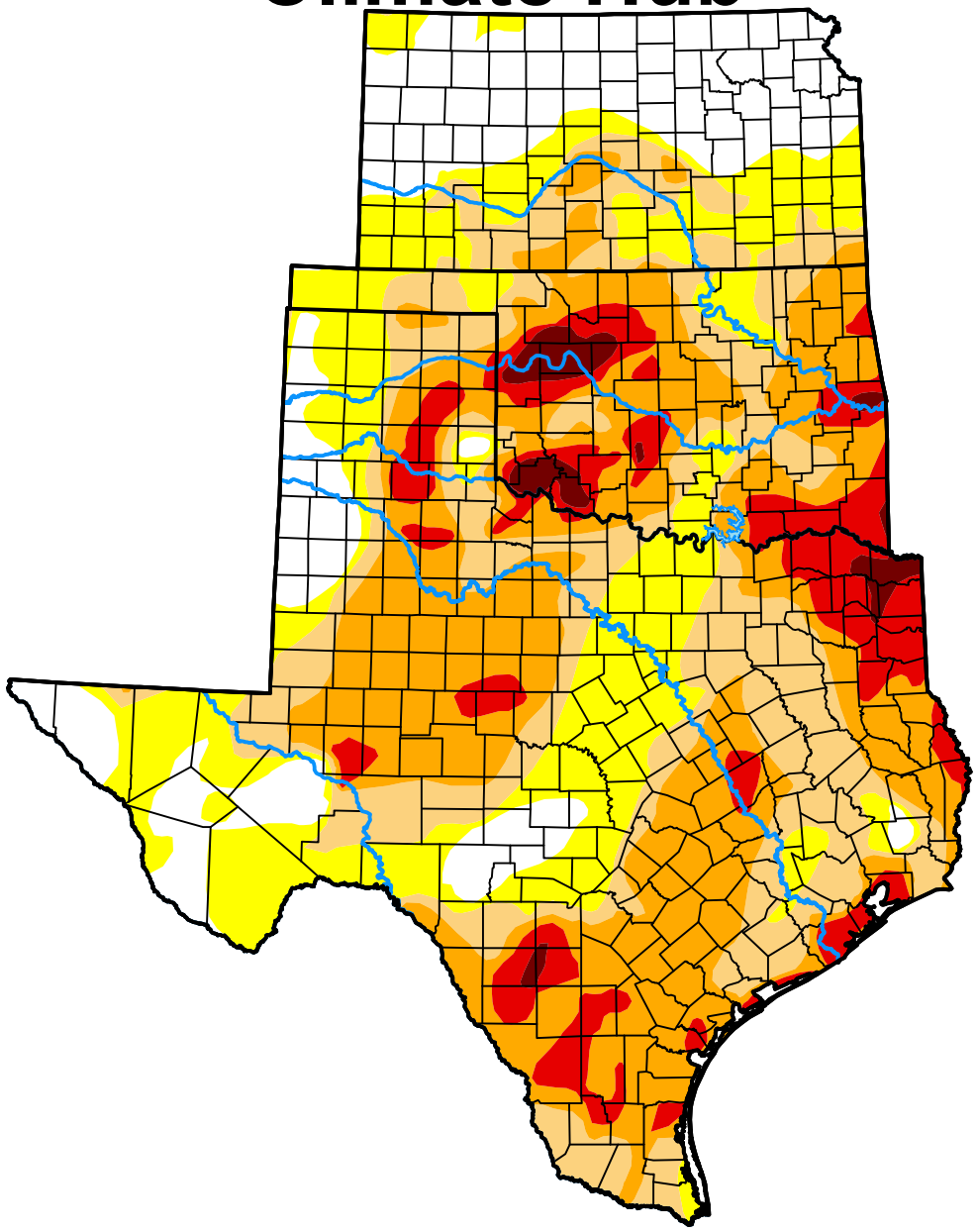
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.90	21.37	22.08	28.54	9.46	1.65
Last Week *10-20-2026*	15.76	20.21	22.43	30.04	10.16	1.41
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	55.68	16.82	14.34	9.77	3.03	0.35
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	24.07	24.64	30.40	13.81	6.86	0.23
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	6.65	9.12	21.22	36.93	19.69	6.39
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	36.78	37.22	16.21	7.51	2.19	0.09

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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