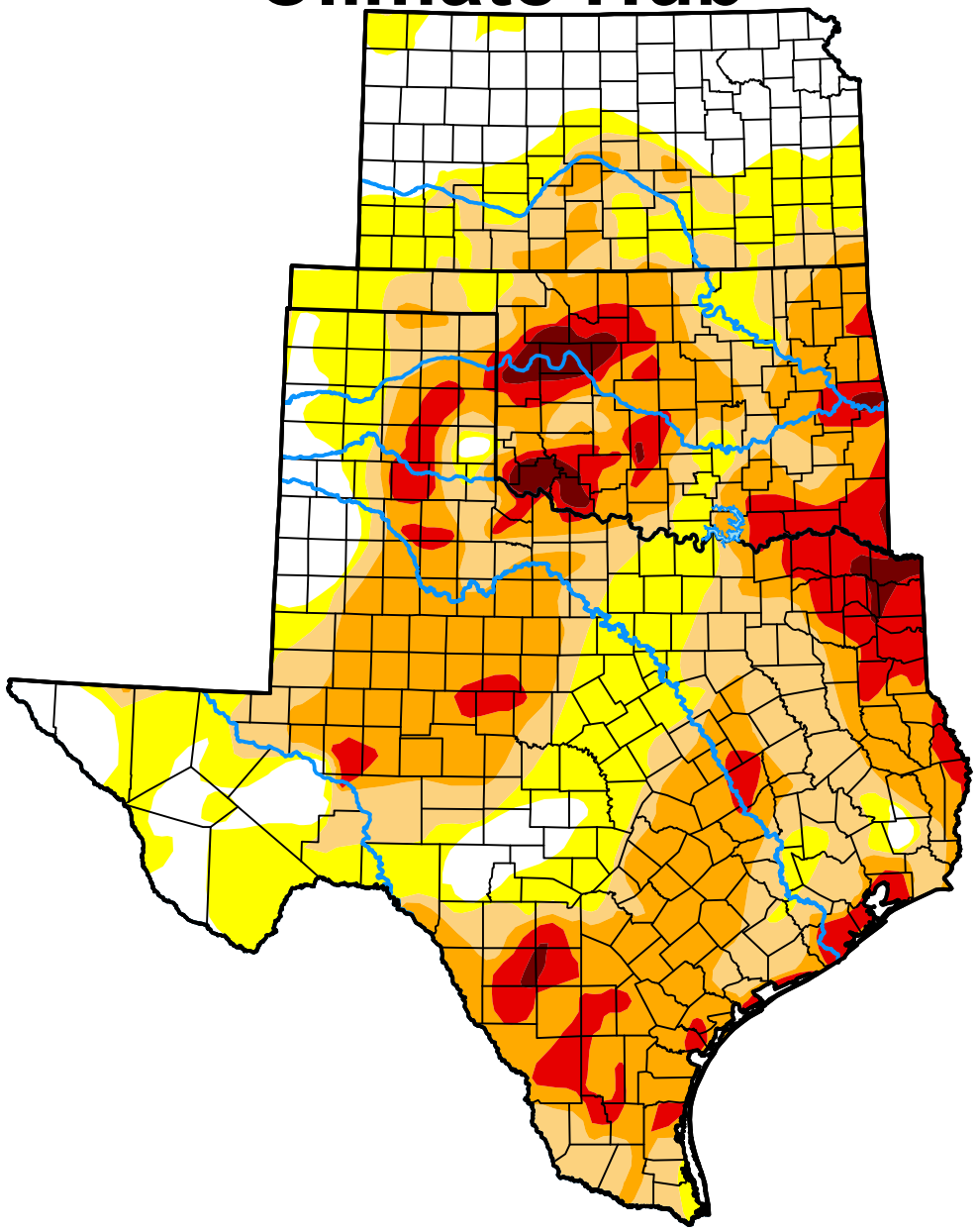
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.90	83.10	61.72	39.64	11.10	1.65
Last Week *10-20-2026*	15.76	84.24	64.04	41.61	11.57	1.41
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	55.68	44.32	27.49	13.15	3.38	0.35
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	24.07	75.93	51.29	20.89	7.08	0.23
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	6.65	93.35	84.23	63.00	26.08	6.39
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	36.78	63.22	26.00	9.79	2.28	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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