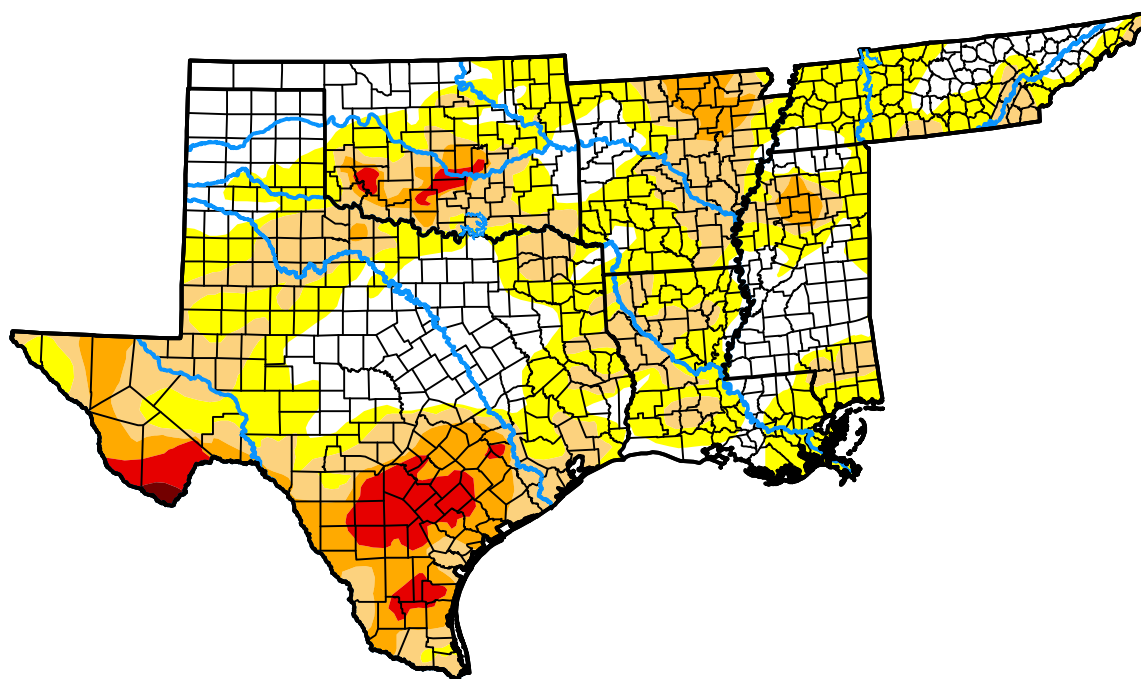


U.S. Drought Monitor South

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.82	71.18	37.40	13.61	4.24	0.18
Last Week <i>12-09-2025</i>	34.14	65.86	34.96	13.26	2.48	0.18
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2025</i>	43.72	56.28	23.00	10.12	2.35	0.15
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-07-2025</i>	52.06	47.94	26.61	12.85	7.31	3.18
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	39.89	60.11	25.10	11.01	1.68	0.15
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2024</i>	43.47	56.53	35.55	14.52	7.28	3.18

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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