

# U.S. Drought Monitor

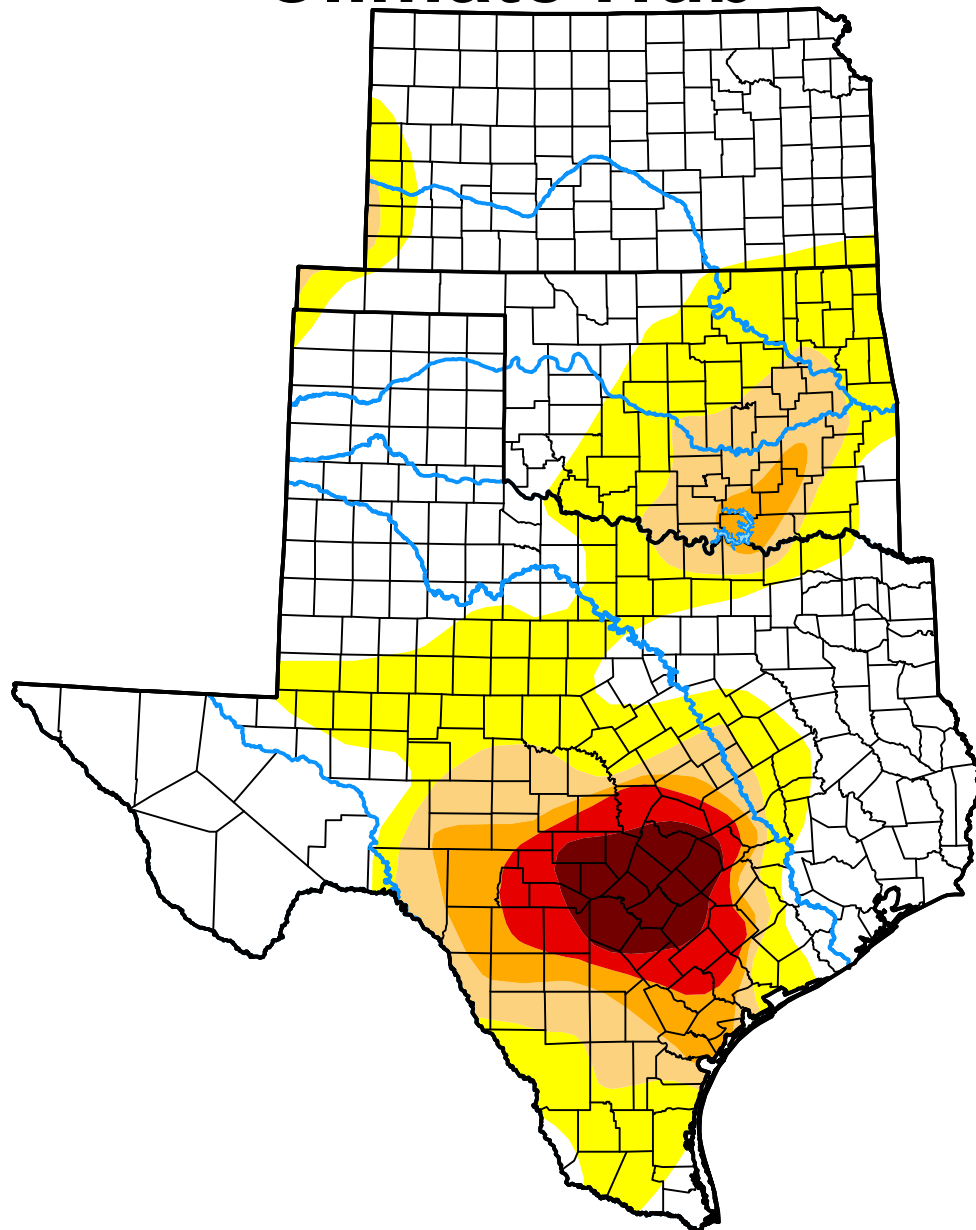
## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

**December 16, 2008**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	57.48	22.79	9.49	4.48	3.12	2.64
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2008</i>	59.58	20.69	9.49	5.09	3.12	2.03
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2008</i>	76.10	8.15	10.04	4.19	1.52	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2008</i>	59.82	30.58	9.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	73.18	11.60	8.38	4.53	2.31	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2007</i>	67.79	27.54	4.67	0.00	0.00	0.00



***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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