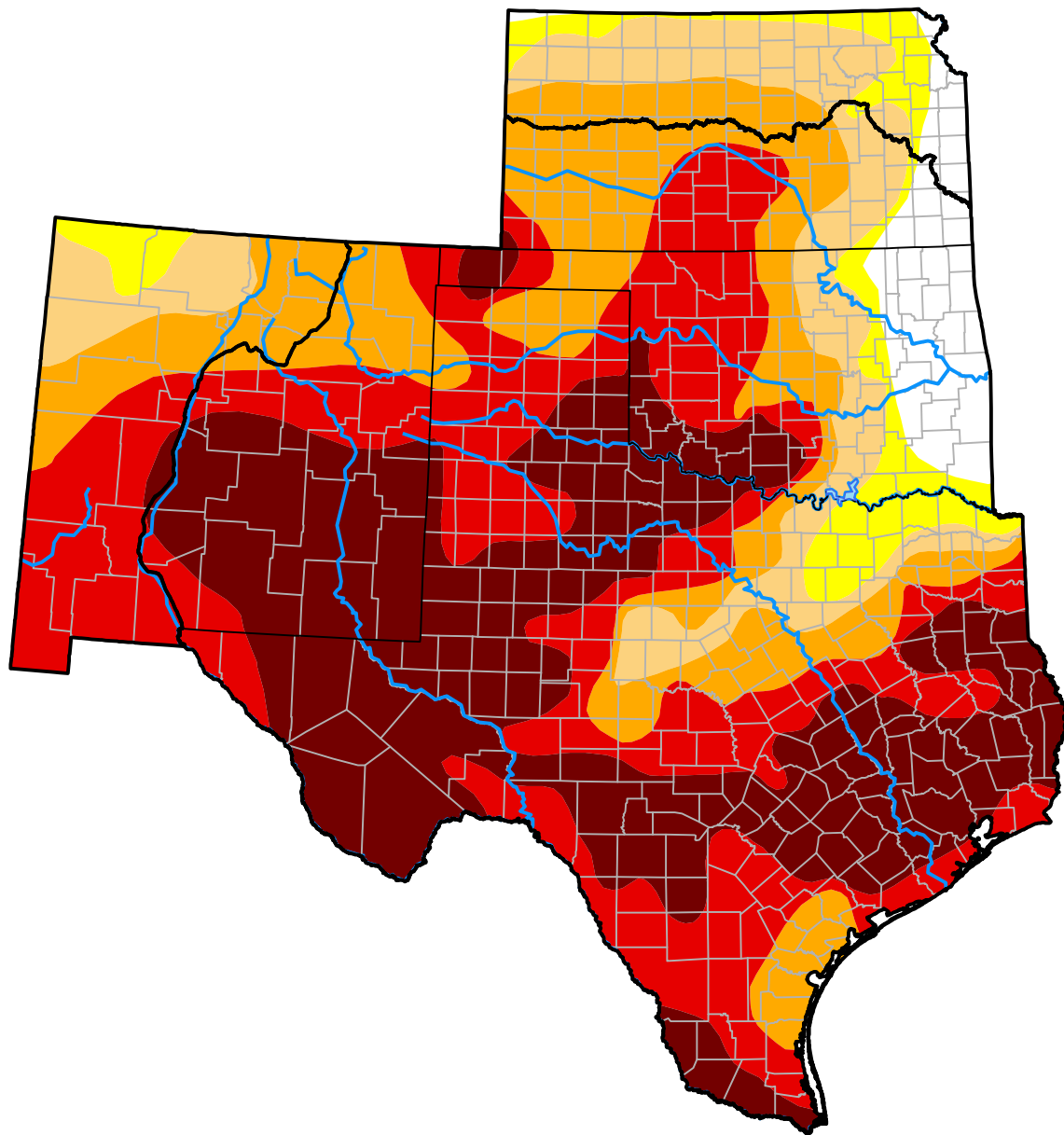


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**May 17, 2011**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 3.58  | 96.42 | 92.41 | 85.33 | 69.80 | 38.32 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-12-2011</i>              | 3.39  | 96.61 | 93.17 | 87.15 | 70.05 | 37.95 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-17-2011</i>           | 9.36  | 90.64 | 57.17 | 28.62 | 4.52  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i> | 10.90 | 89.10 | 51.41 | 21.36 | 7.57  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2010</i>    | 74.44 | 25.56 | 2.06  | 0.57  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-20-2010</i>           | 90.52 | 9.48  | 2.04  | 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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