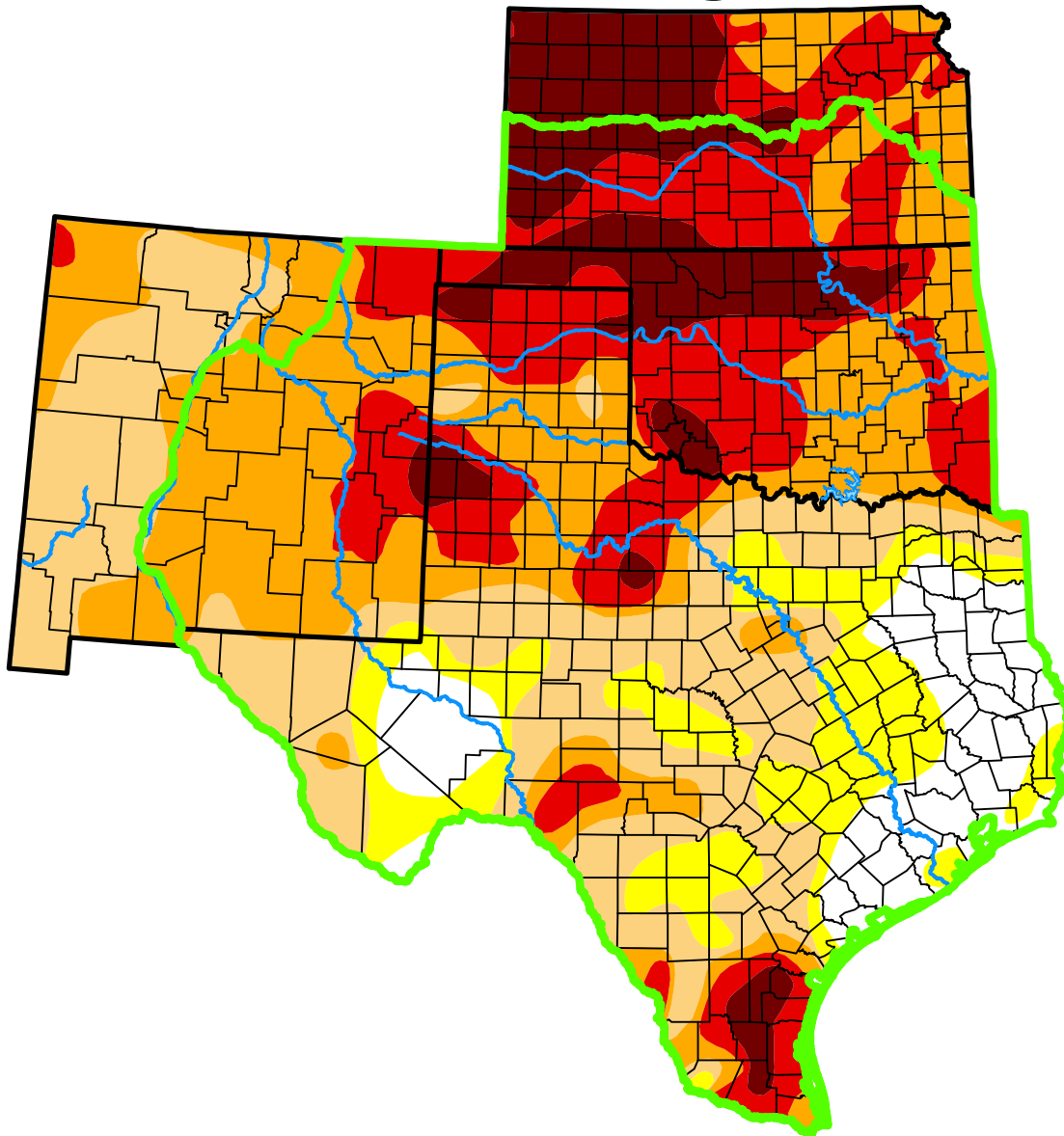


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.29	12.42	19.59	26.72	21.42	9.57
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	9.94	10.96	22.04	21.96	24.56	10.54
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	7.47	10.15	30.30	32.25	18.84	0.99
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	3.17	16.40	23.79	31.51	22.25
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.50	7.31	14.58	30.19	28.12	14.30
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	0.04	0.11	1.41	11.12	25.35	61.97

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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