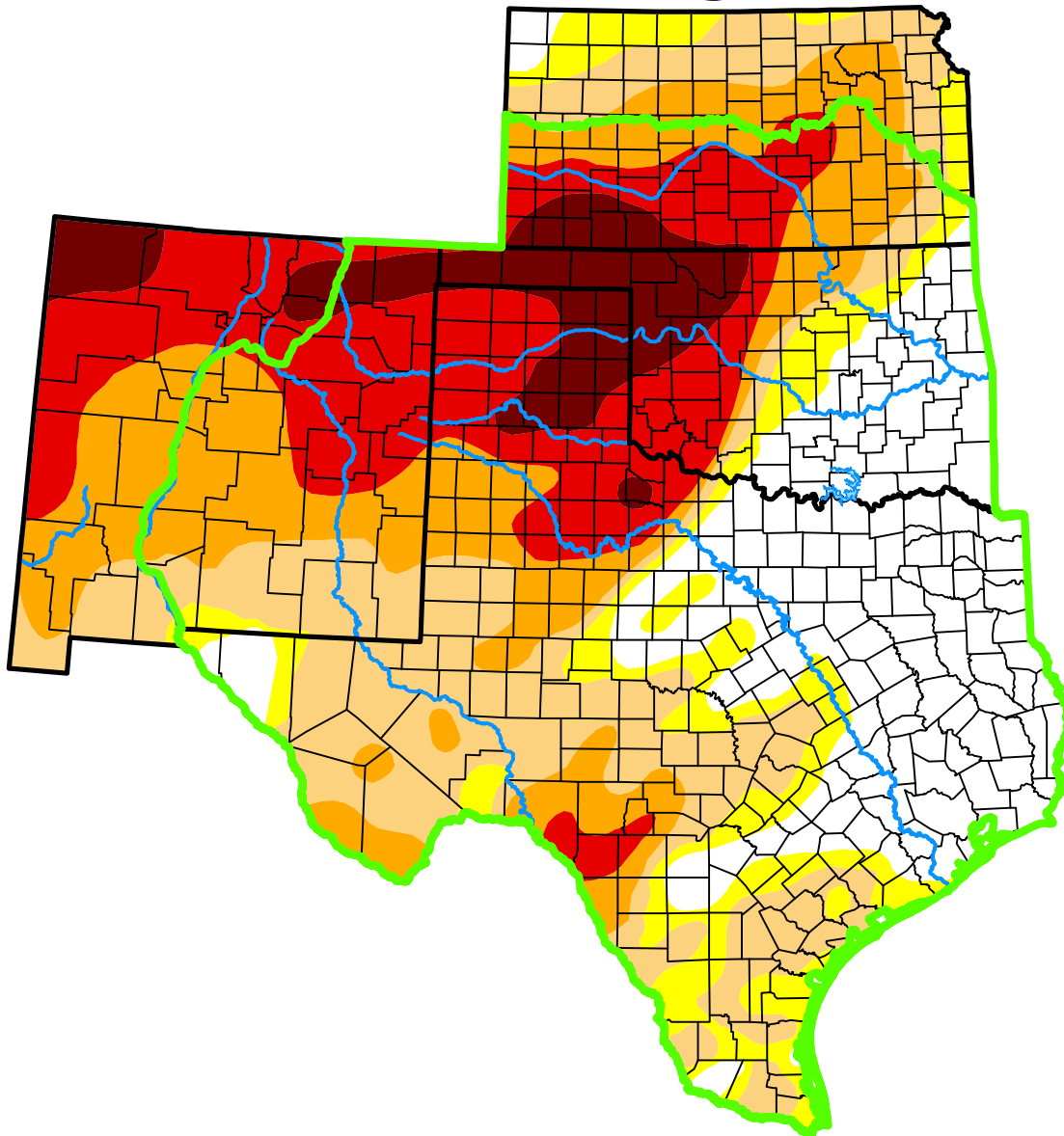


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**April 24, 2018**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	26.93	73.07	62.81	41.80	24.58	7.55
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-17-2018</i>	27.89	72.11	60.54	40.18	24.23	7.86
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-23-2018</i>	8.73	91.27	65.67	28.15	5.64	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	22.04	77.96	39.92	11.37	0.07	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	72.38	27.62	3.52	0.15	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-25-2017</i>	82.01	17.99	3.48	0.00	0.00	0.00

(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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