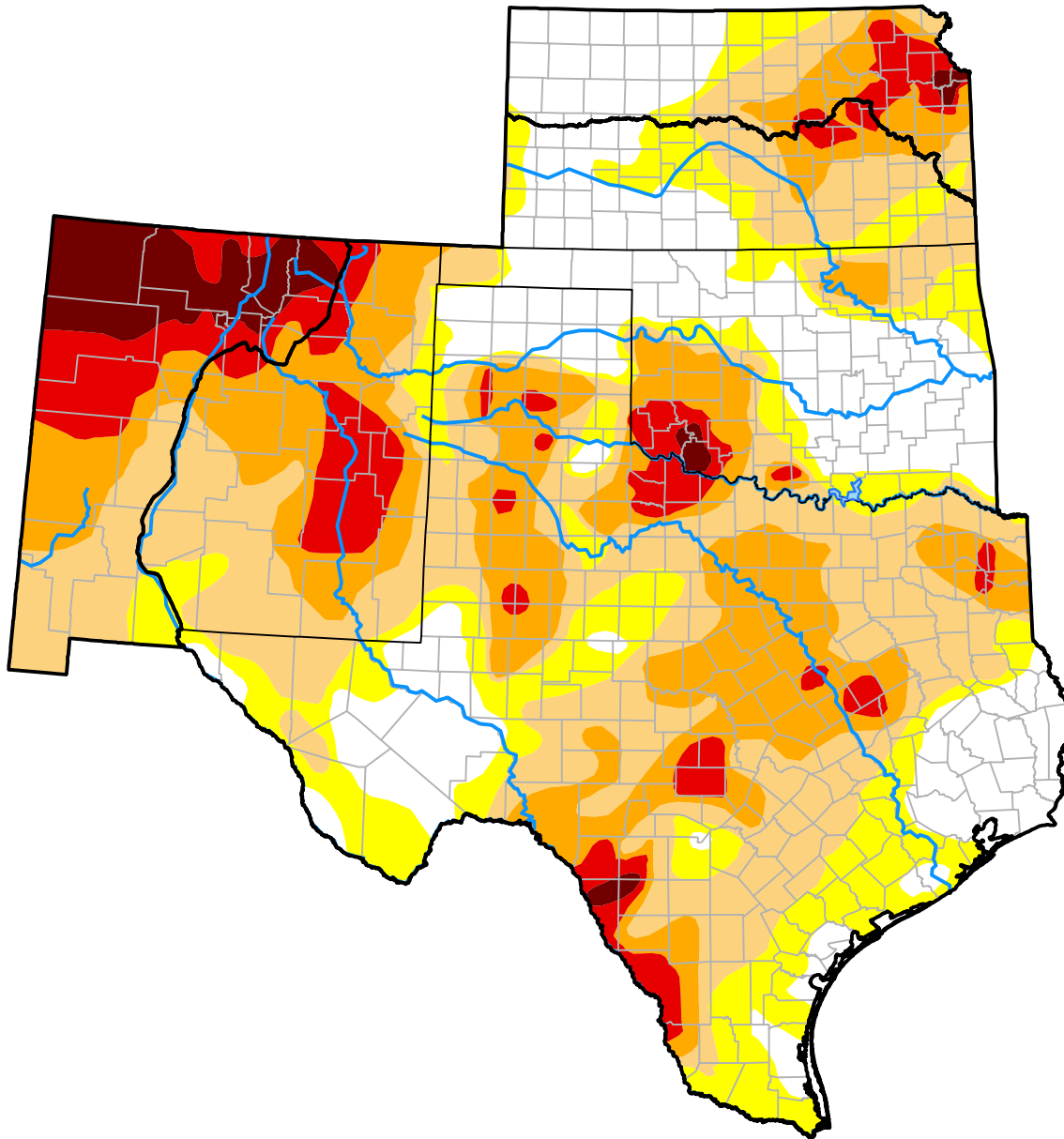


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**August 21, 2018**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	18.74	81.26	64.89	36.20	13.51	4.24
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-16-2018</i>	17.57	82.43	67.01	40.40	15.69	4.47
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-24-2018</i>	28.75	71.25	56.98	43.29	26.94	9.05
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2018</i>	21.24	78.76	43.54	10.65	0.06	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2017</i>	73.50	26.50	2.54	0.02	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-24-2017</i>	91.52	8.48	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***



*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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