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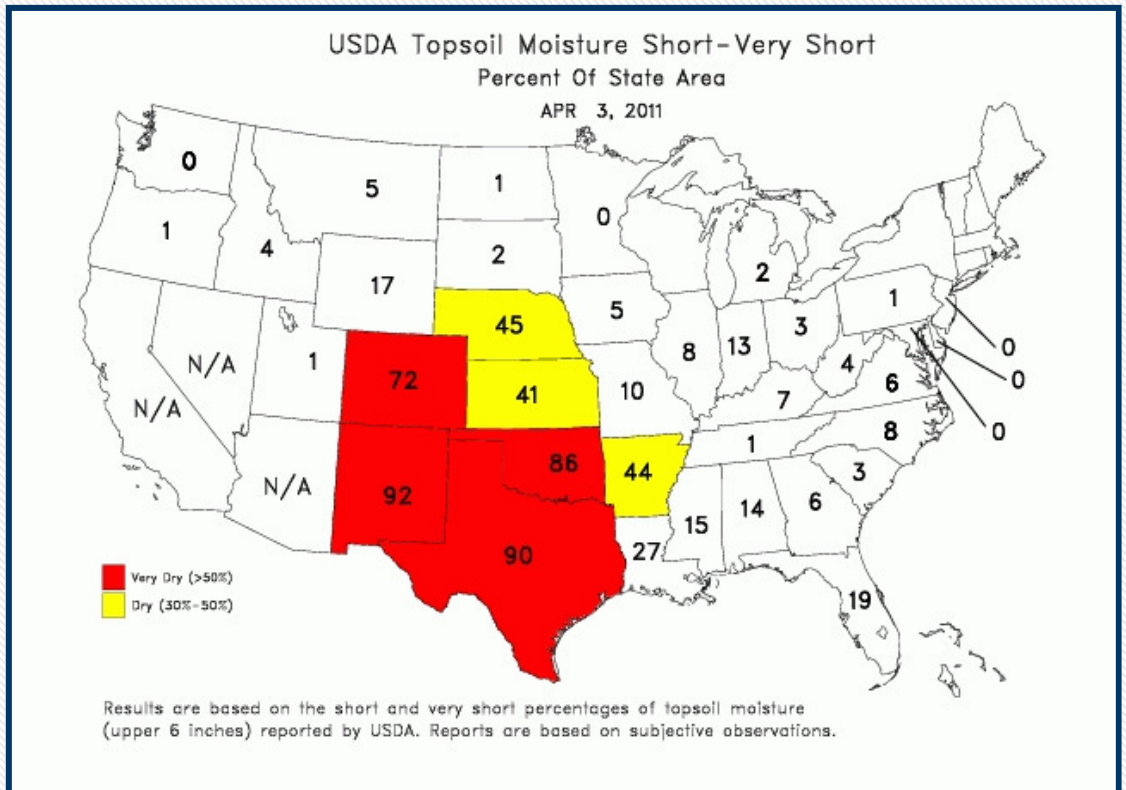


weather at a glance —

- Drought worsens in S Plains—
- Few KS counties to see 0.50-0.75 in—
- 1-2+ in for MO/AR/S IL next week—
- Near term peak on Red River—

Rain and Drought

Drought expansion occurred across the southern Plains last week, but minor near-term relief is on the way. A few counties in KS, OK and TX will see 0.50-0.75 inches Sunday and early next week. Prior to this spotty rain, significant drying will occur as 85-100F degrees and 40mph winds will be seen until Saturday. In contrast, the Red River Valley will have light rain with a near term flood peak (likely below record levels) on Sunday and heavy rains reach the Delta and Ohio Valley Tuesday.





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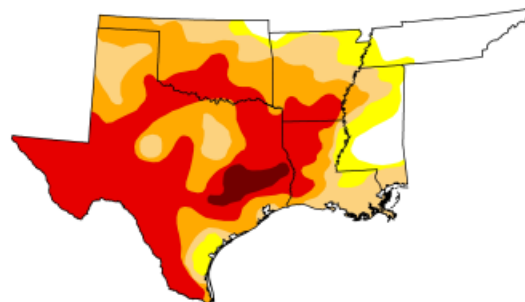
U.S. Drought Monitor

South

April 5, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.66	89.34	80.83	63.51	38.29	2.43
Last Week (03/29/2011 map)	8.33	91.67	79.16	60.10	28.53	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/04/2011 map)	12.28	87.72	58.95	31.71	11.37	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	8.86	91.14	67.65	35.21	10.17	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	54.23	45.77	20.04	6.79	0.83	0.00
One Year Ago (03/30/2010 map)	95.65	4.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



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In contrast to northern Plains flooding, the southern Plains saw drought expand last week.. Today's drought monitor shows extreme to exceptional drought having expanded in the past week from 28% to 38% of the acreage. Heat across the entire region, but some rain too will likely limit further expansion for the week ahead, particularly in eastern areas, closer to the Mississippi River.

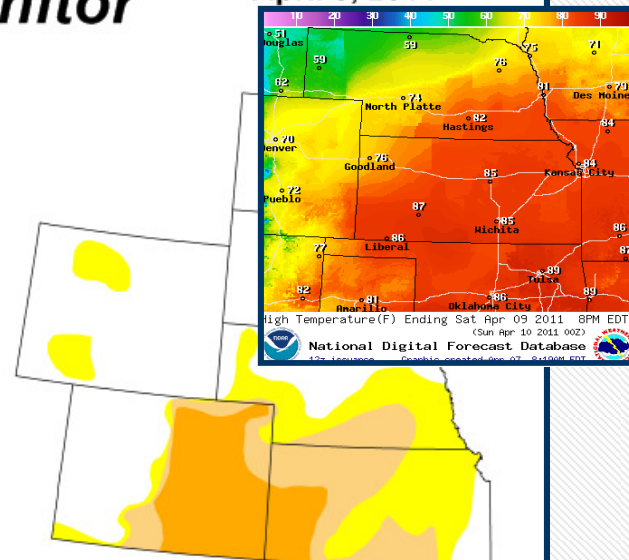
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High Plains

April 5, 2011

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.49	37.51	22.11	10.92	0.00	0.00
Last Week (03/29/2011 map)	62.57	37.43	19.48	10.57	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/04/2011 map)	60.48	39.52	16.49	2.63	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	60.35	39.65	19.57	2.63	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	65.06	34.94	3.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago (03/30/2010 map)	81.33	18.67	8.03	2.68	0.00	0.00



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The High Plains also saw drought conditions expand 3% of the acreage over the past week, from 19% moderate or greater to 22%. Again, the week ahead will see some rain, limiting further substantial expansion in the near term but strong drying will be seen Saturday with winds to 40mph, relative humidity in the teens and 85-90F maximum temperatures.

Today's weather maps



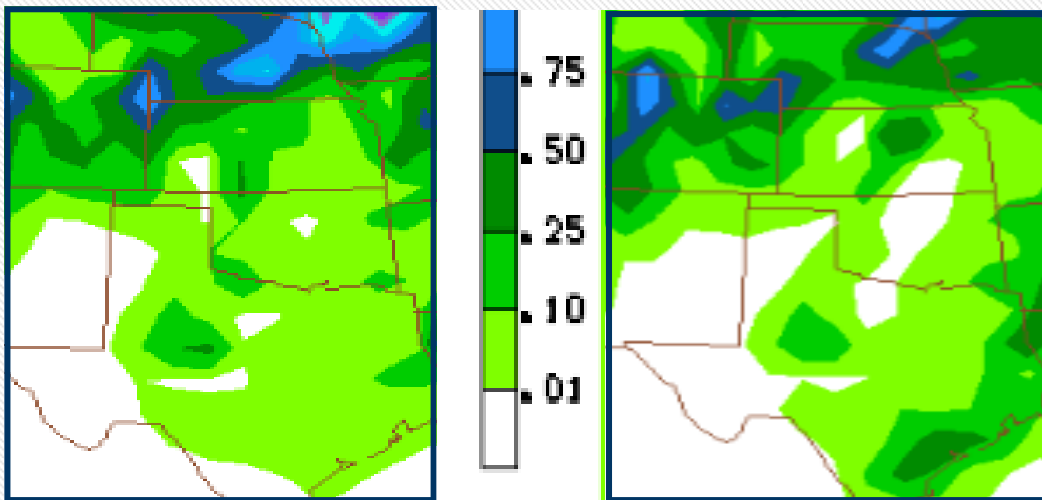
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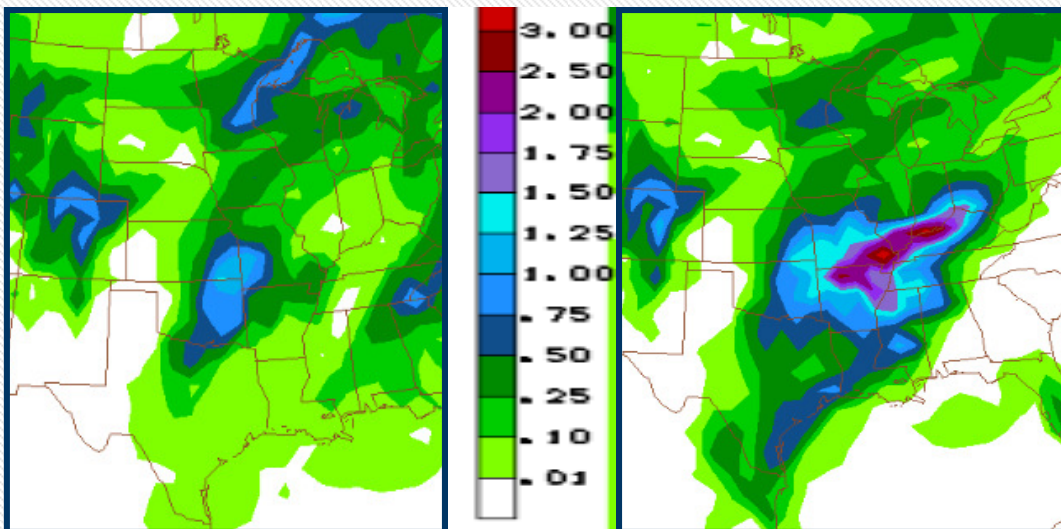


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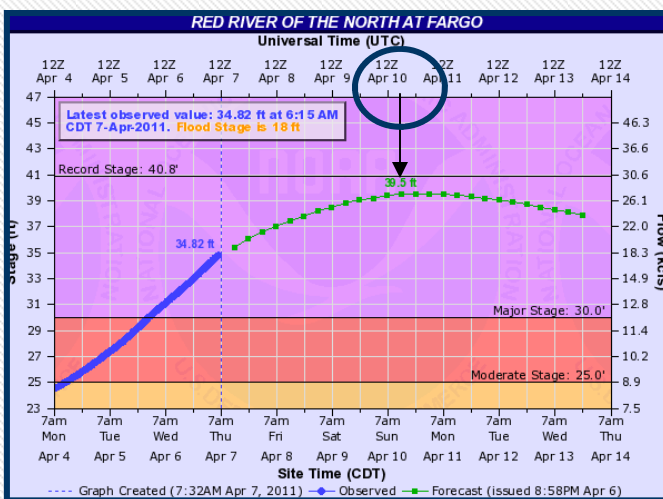
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The past two model runs are similar in depicting the potential rain pattern for the southern Plains this weekend. Kansas will get 0.25-0.75 inches in the far NW counties, 0.01-0.30 in the remainder of the state. Texas and Oklahoma will get less than 0.15 inches. Nebraska fares the best with totals ranging from 0.15-1.00...the heaviest in the far SW and East (left map is late yesterday run, right is overnight model).



Next week, wet weather will be seen across the Mississippi Valley with 0.75-2+ inch totals from the eastern parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas across the Delta and the Ohio River Valley. Lightest amounts will fall over the Plains, from ND to W Texas.



The Red River north of Fargo ND, with limited rainfall prior to this time, will have a near term, near record peak Sunday, April 10, then slowly lowers.