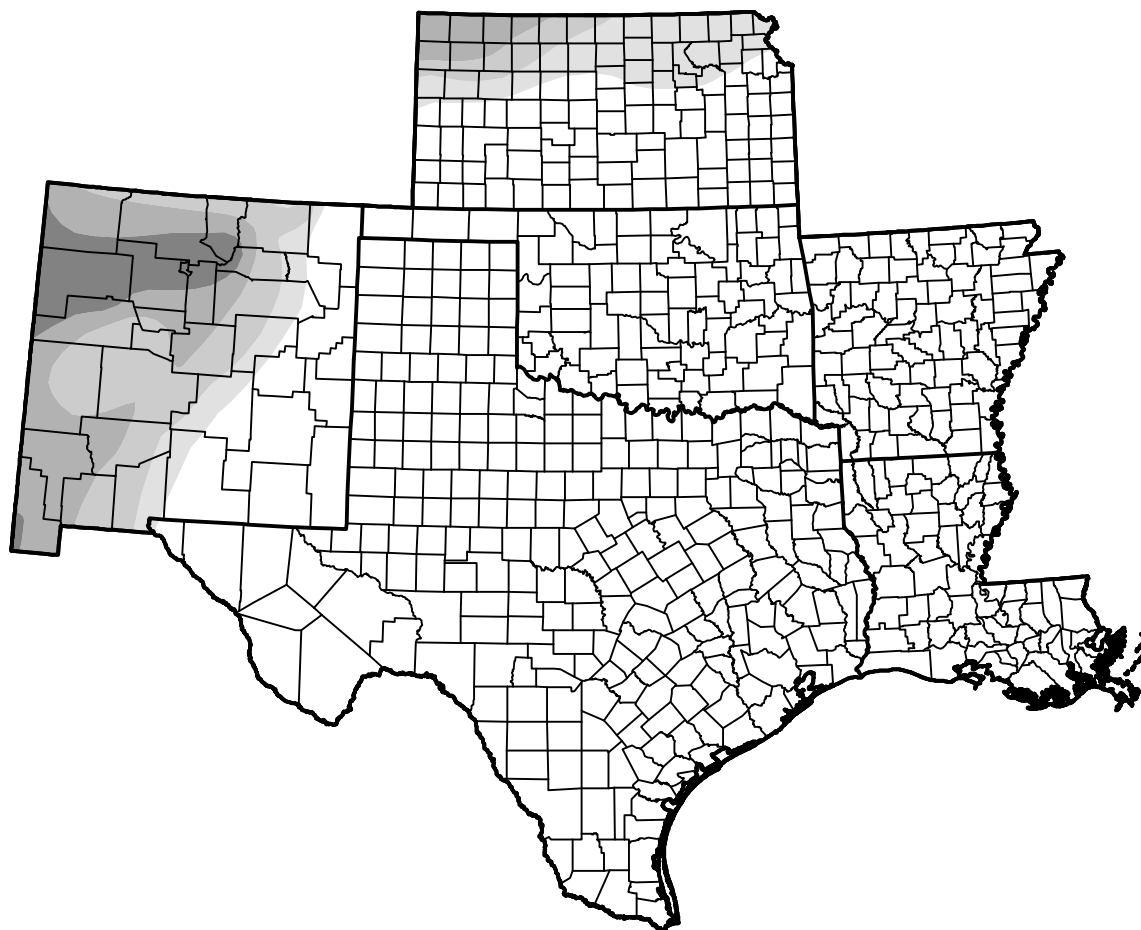


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.33	17.67	13.22	7.88	2.46	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	82.67	17.33	13.22	7.86	2.46	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	68.82	31.18	14.64	10.71	1.47	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	40.28	59.72	44.96	34.11	20.79	4.35
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	71.71	28.29	14.45	10.50	1.47	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2003</i>	39.56	60.44	45.31	30.87	17.90	4.24

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate 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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