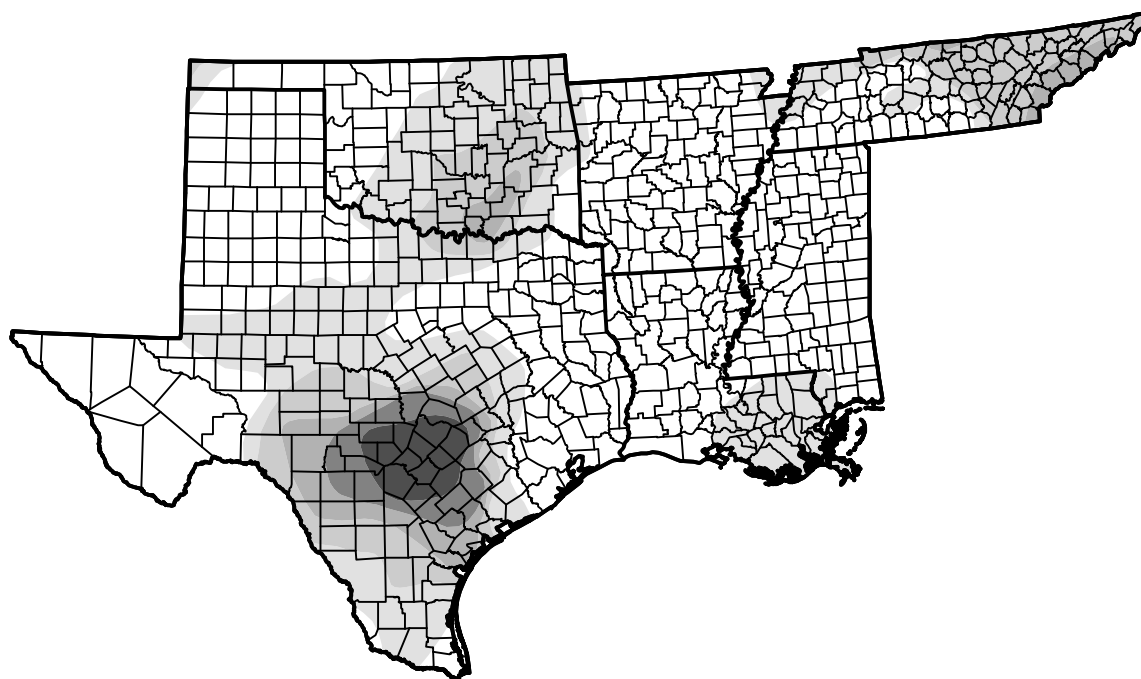


# U.S. Drought Monitor South

**December 16, 2008**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 58.46 | 41.54 | 19.45 | 8.94  | 4.58  | 2.10 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-09-2008</i>              | 56.51 | 43.49 | 20.61 | 11.98 | 6.30  | 1.65 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-16-2008</i>           | 76.00 | 24.00 | 16.72 | 7.69  | 2.24  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 57.46 | 42.54 | 12.89 | 4.32  | 3.76  | 1.60 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 73.05 | 26.95 | 17.21 | 9.99  | 2.93  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2007</i>           | 63.79 | 36.21 | 8.97  | 4.32  | 3.76  | 1.66 |



## 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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