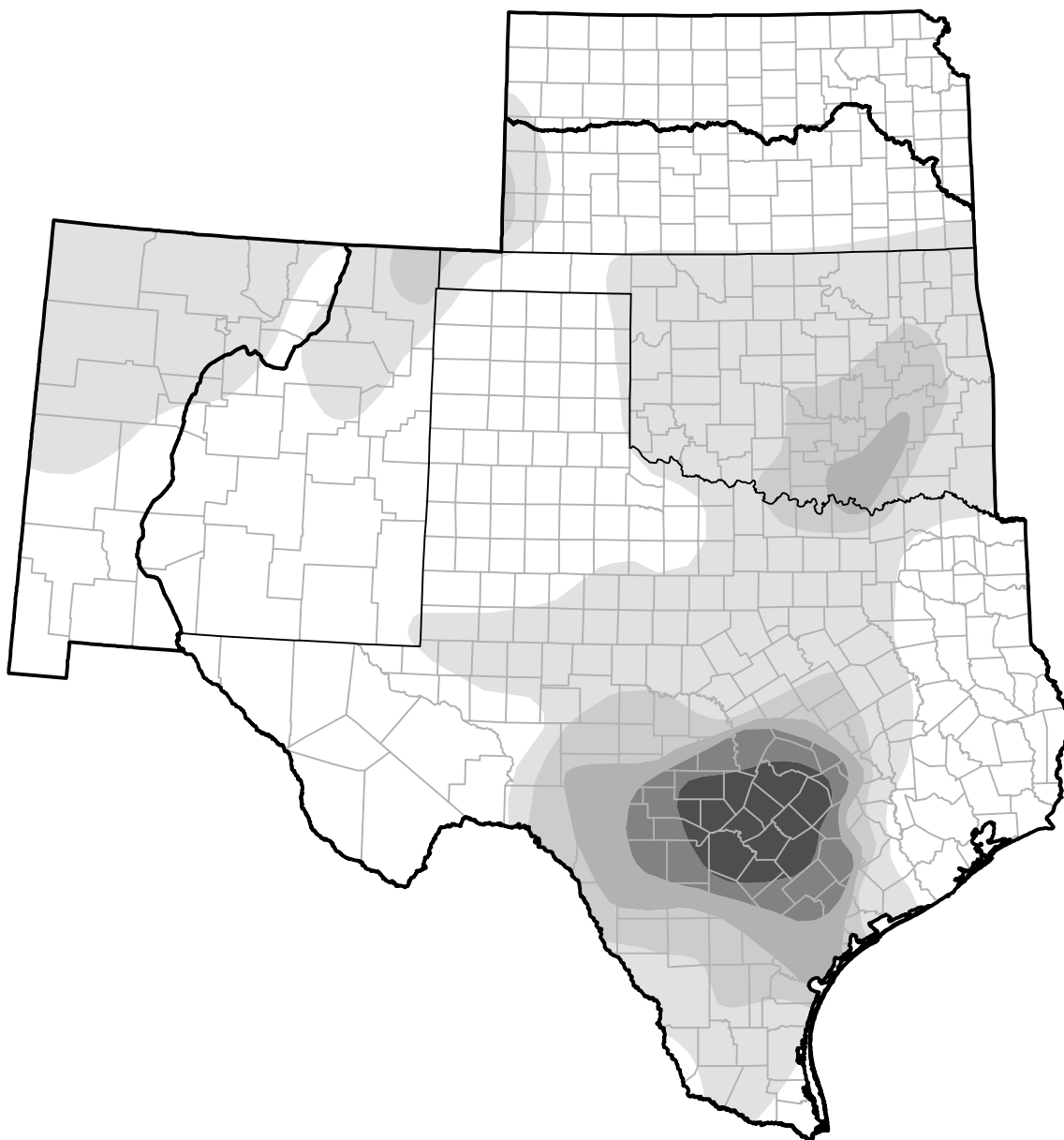


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	44.63	37.07	8.95	4.09	2.86	2.41
Last Week <i>12-18-2008</i>	51.96	29.73	8.95	4.09	2.86	2.41
3 Months Ago <i>09-25-2008</i>	72.69	13.73	7.39	4.57	1.62	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	59.56	32.36	8.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	16.59	6.85	3.95	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2007</i>	66.84	29.58	3.58	0.00	0.00	0.00

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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