

U.S. Drought Monitor

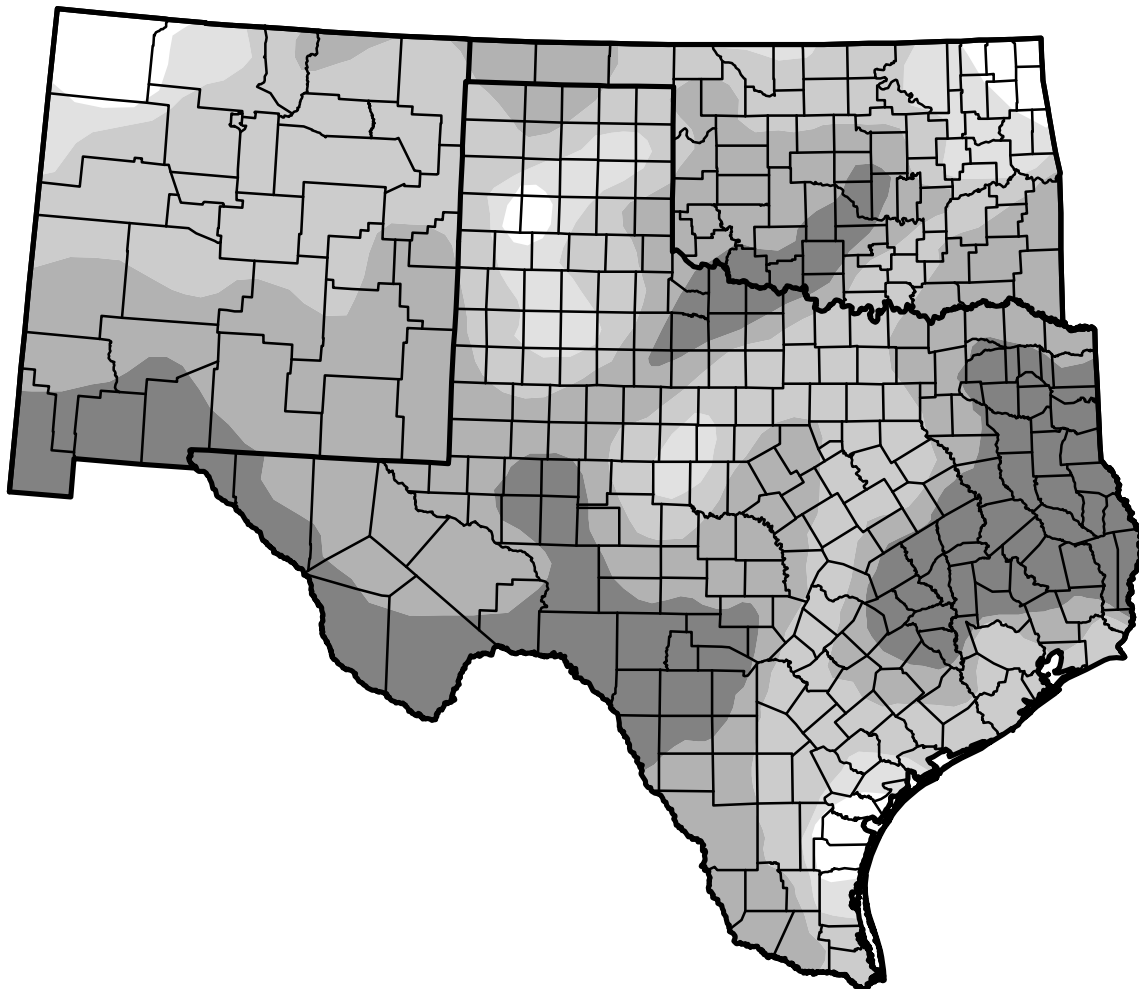
Southern Plains Area

March 22, 2011
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.10	96.90	90.11	57.82	20.89	0.00
Last Week <i>03-15-2011</i>	4.63	95.37	83.68	47.57	12.69	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	11.54	88.46	59.36	22.43	5.61	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	10.90	89.10	51.40	21.36	7.57	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2010</i>	74.44	25.56	2.06	0.57	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-23-2010</i>	92.38	7.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

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

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

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