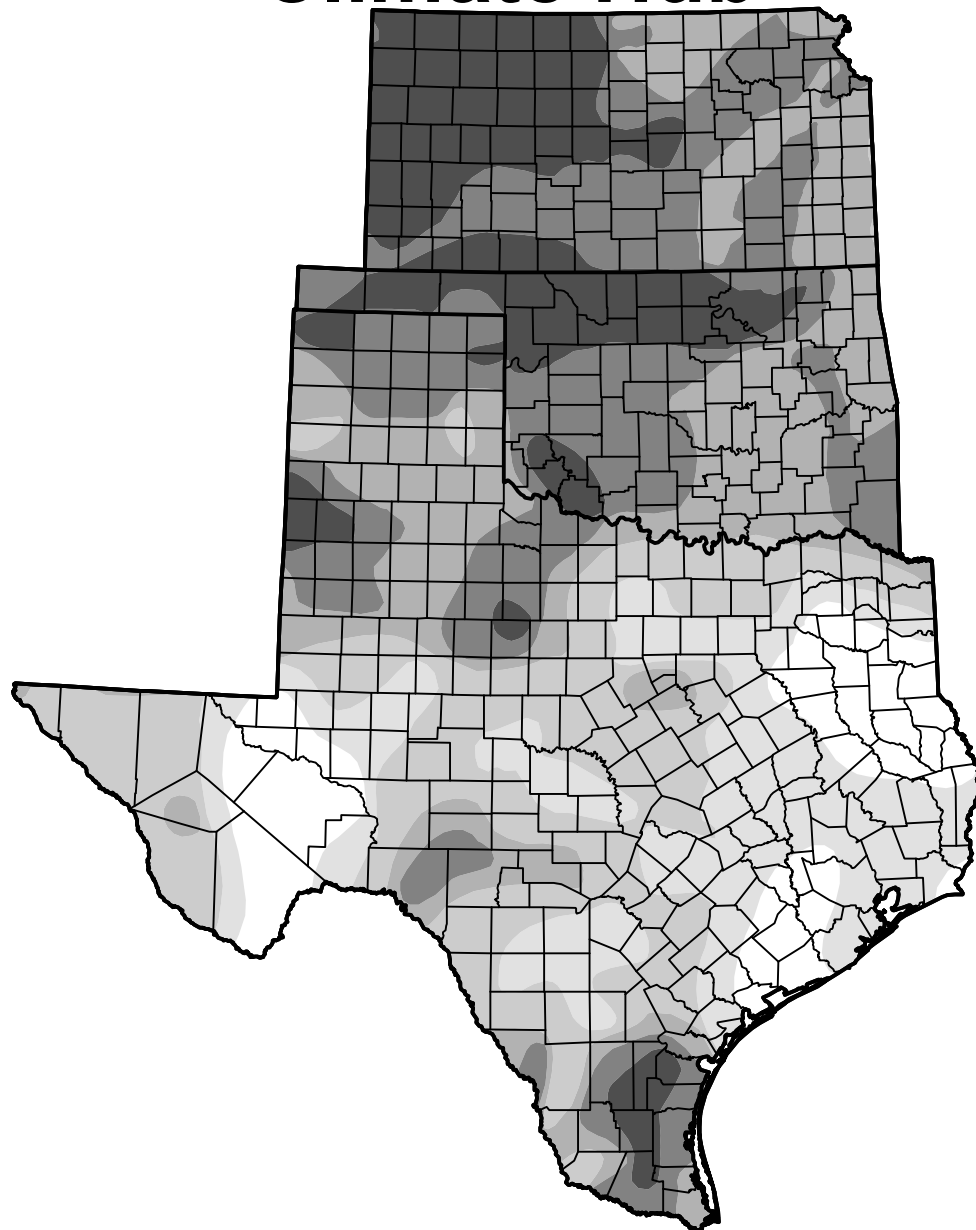


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.95	15.46	19.39	19.70	22.10	14.40
Last Week <i>10-16-2012</i>	10.85	12.99	19.97	19.63	22.16	14.40
3 Months Ago <i>07-24-2012</i>	7.84	11.00	24.45	27.43	26.50	2.78
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.87	4.49	17.72	17.02	28.63	21.26
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.80	7.71	13.55	23.73	28.80	20.41
One Year Ago <i>10-25-2011</i>	4.03	2.63	3.31	11.14	22.50	56.40

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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