

# U.S. Drought Monitor

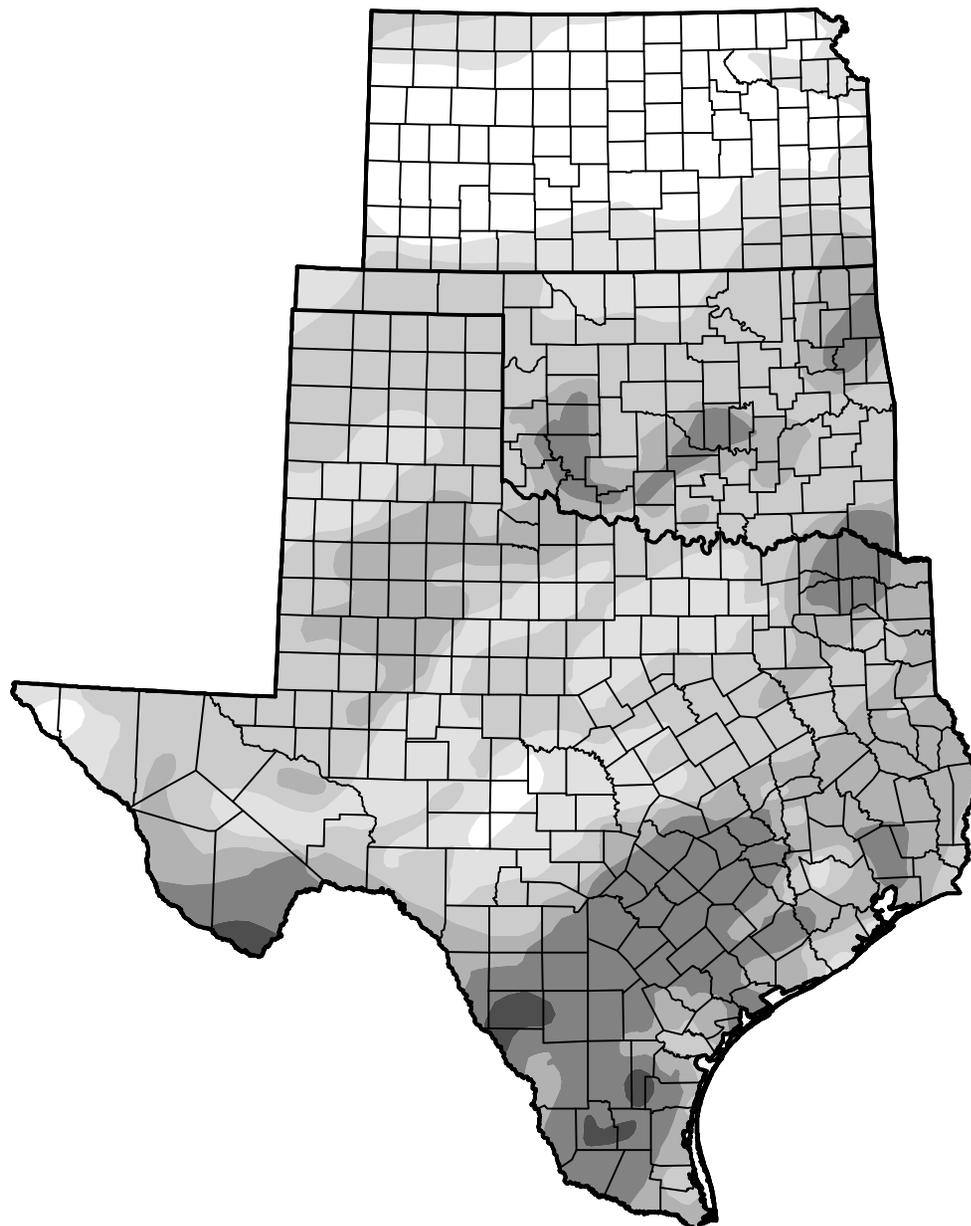
## Southern Plains DEWS

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	13.28	86.72	67.88	33.05	14.01	0.92
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-17-2026</i>	14.48	85.52	60.07	31.25	12.60	0.40
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-25-2025</i>	30.39	69.61	40.95	16.94	4.36	0.09
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2026</i>	24.07	75.93	51.29	20.89	7.08	0.23
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2025</i>	50.45	49.55	16.86	8.26	2.12	0.18
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-25-2025</i>	21.48	78.52	39.12	17.69	11.02	4.00



***Intensity:***



*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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