

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

**December 18, 2001**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 47.03 | 52.97 | 38.62 | 12.26 | 6.97  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-11-2001</i>              | 45.91 | 54.09 | 39.72 | 11.23 | 7.16  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-18-2001</i>           | 50.61 | 49.39 | 25.03 | 9.33  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2001</i> | 70.32 | 29.68 | 12.03 | 2.18  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2001</i>    | 57.31 | 42.69 | 23.02 | 9.33  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-19-2000</i>           | 69.51 | 30.49 | 13.93 | 2.10  | 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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