

# U.S. Drought Monitor

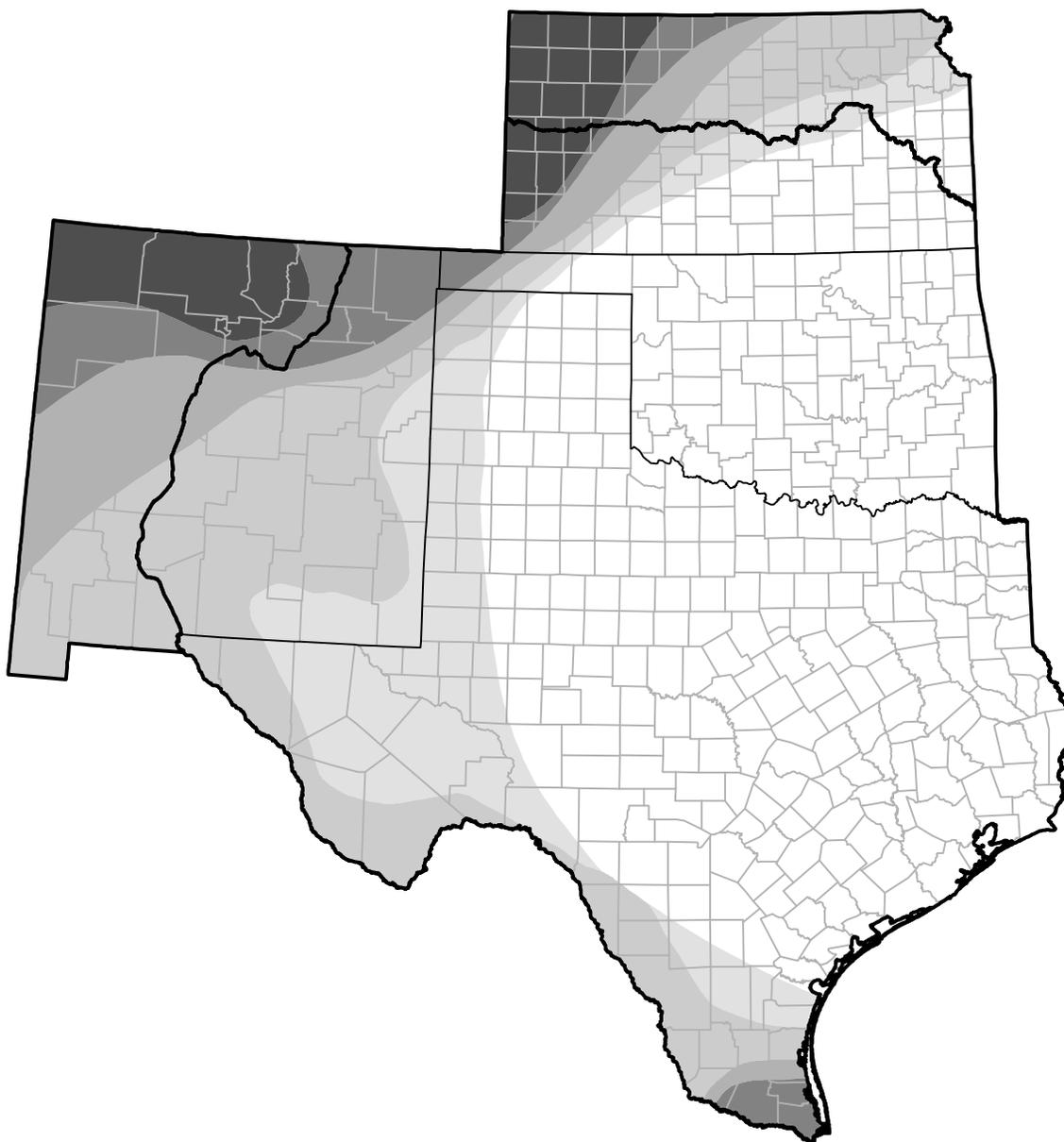
## Southern Plains RDEWS

**August 20, 2002**  
 (Released Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	55.33	44.67	32.12	14.30	8.95	3.58
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-15-2002</i>	52.25	47.75	35.04	14.48	9.11	3.68
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-23-2002</i>	25.69	74.31	61.00	38.99	24.05	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2002</i>	38.02	61.98	44.37	17.45	6.93	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2001</i>	46.30	53.70	28.31	10.67	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-23-2001</i>	31.21	68.79	48.94	17.61	0.65	0.00



***Intensity:***

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

***Author:***

Scott Stephens  
 NOAA/NESDIS/NCEI



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)