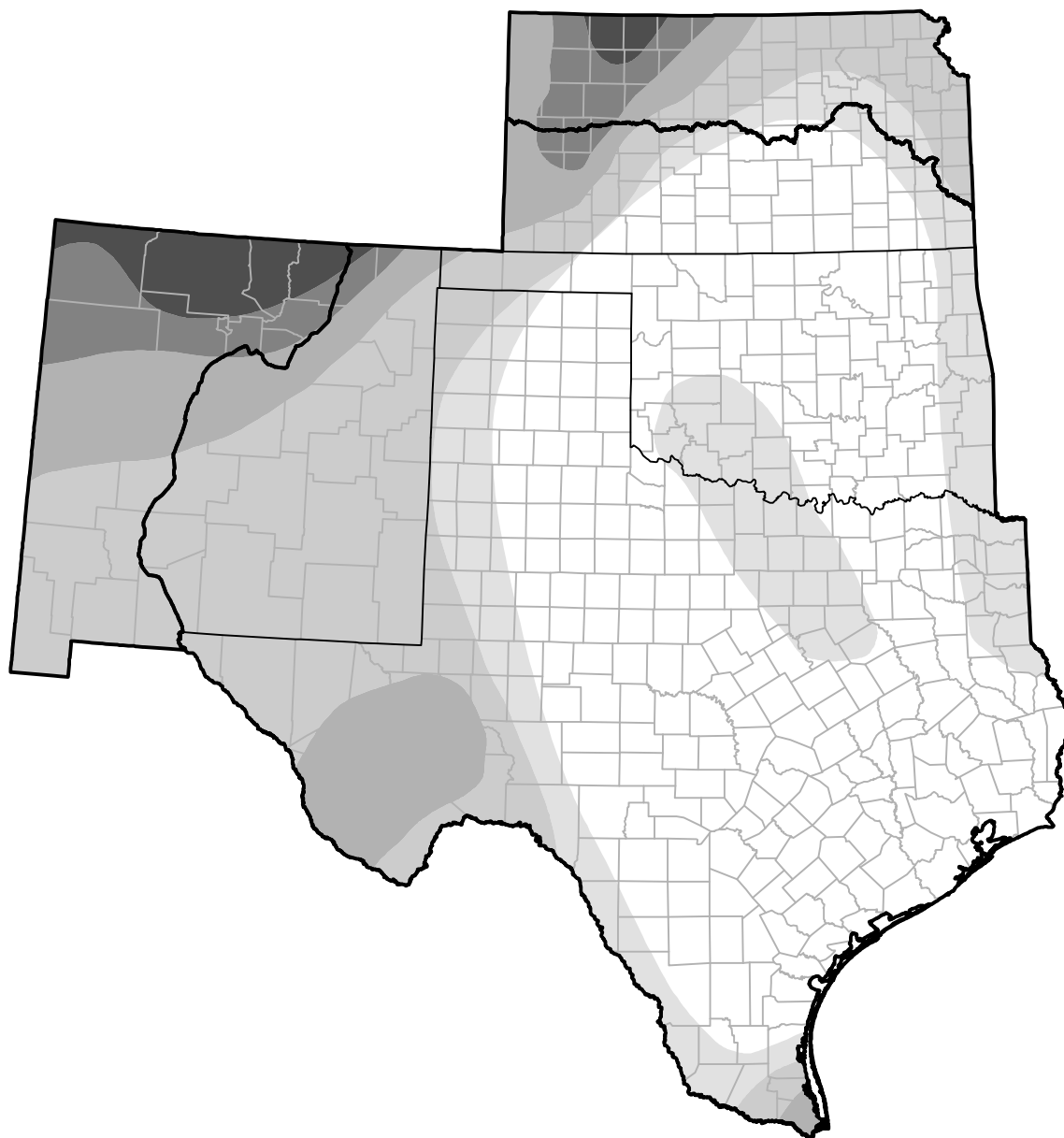


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.58	53.42	38.11	15.29	5.99	2.78
Last Week <i>09-12-2002</i>	44.77	55.23	38.55	17.89	7.08	3.20
3 Months Ago <i>06-20-2002</i>	30.35	69.65	57.33	41.10	27.11	3.93
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	38.02	61.98	44.37	17.45	6.93	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	46.30	53.70	28.31	10.67	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-20-2001</i>	43.18	56.82	30.07	10.67	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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