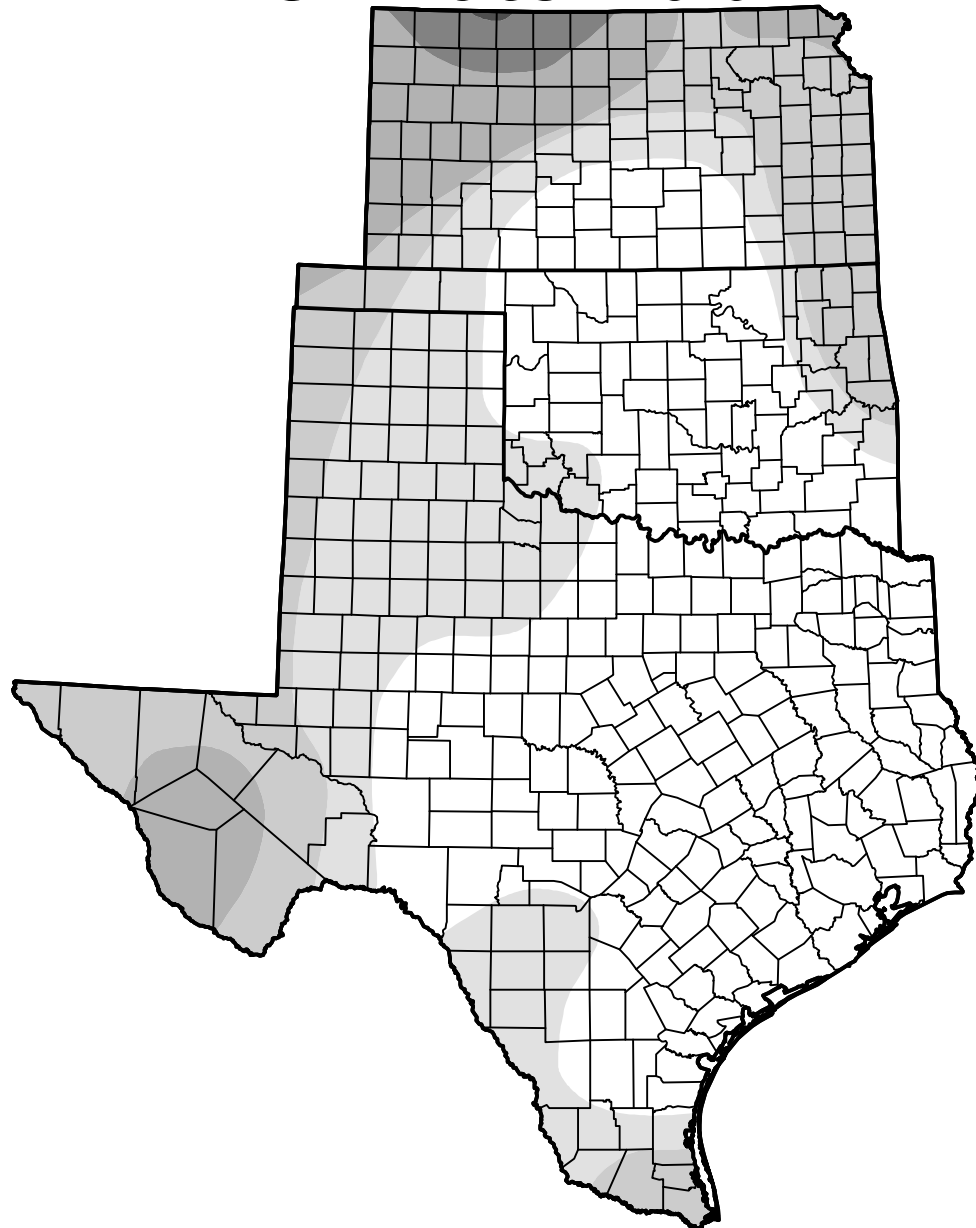


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.02	47.98	26.07	10.06	1.52	0.05
Last Week <i>10-08-2002</i>	39.13	60.87	25.88	8.52	0.87	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-16-2002</i>	63.19	36.81	27.15	15.00	6.17	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	43.71	56.29	40.35	14.84	7.10	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.52	70.48	29.20	14.14	4.26	0.98
One Year Ago <i>10-16-2001</i>	57.29	42.71	22.34	10.32	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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