

# U.S. Drought Monitor

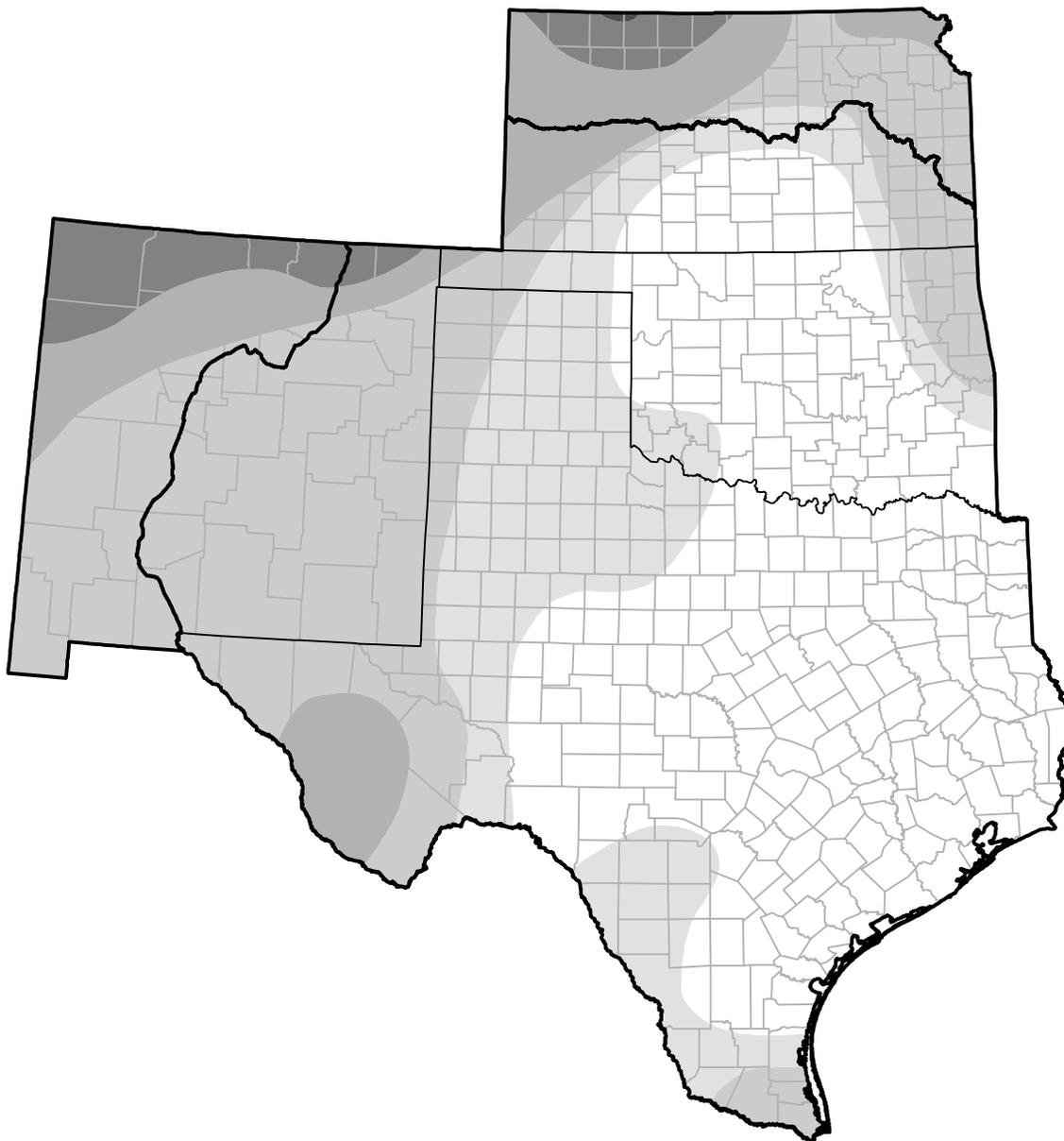
## Southern Plains RDEWS

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	44.17	55.83	38.53	10.00	3.45	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-10-2002</i>	32.00	68.00	39.71	10.03	3.41	0.02
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-18-2002</i>	50.76	49.24	43.83	31.32	24.10	6.32
<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>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	73.56	41.49	10.80	3.14	0.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-18-2001</i>	46.29	53.71	27.69	12.17	0.00	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>*

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