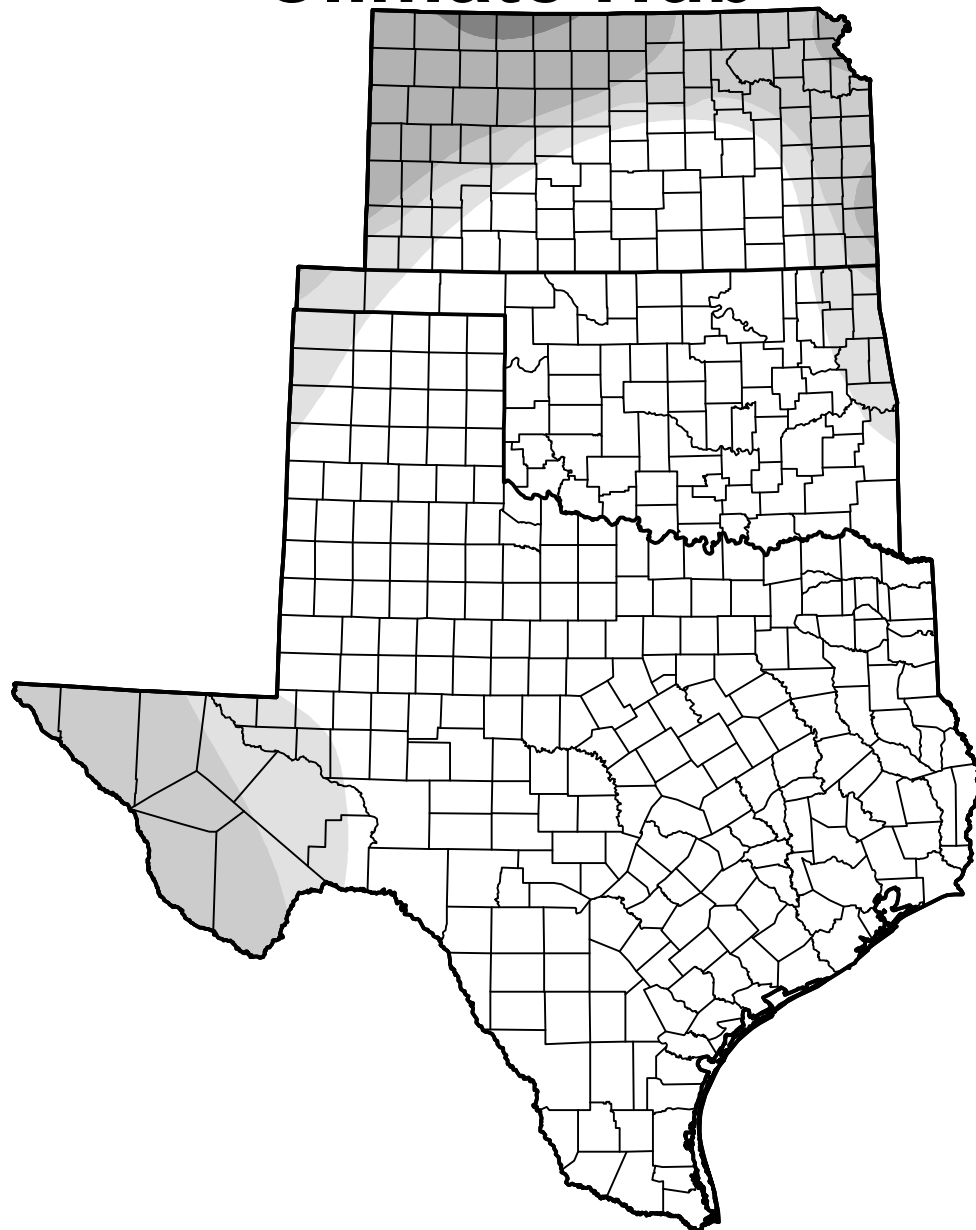


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	76.14	8.12	9.98	5.35	0.40	0.00
Last Week 12-10-2002	76.18	8.23	9.84	5.24	0.52	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-17-2002	56.56	19.61	13.39	7.71	2.22	0.52
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	43.71	15.94	25.51	7.74	7.10	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	29.52	41.28	15.06	9.88	3.28	0.98
One Year Ago 12-18-2001	47.03	14.36	26.35	5.29	6.97	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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