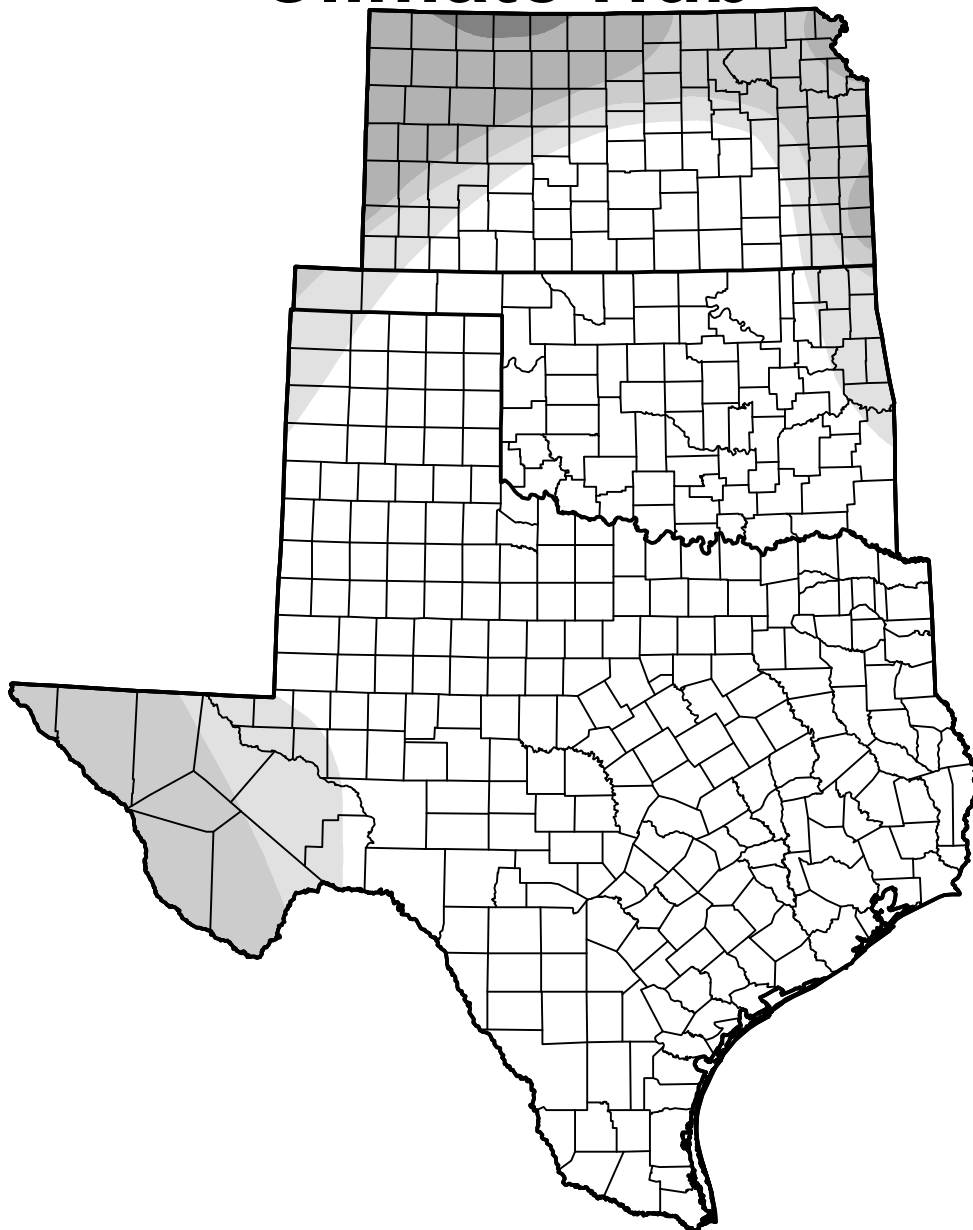


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.17	23.83	15.46	5.69	0.39	0.00
Last Week 12-17-2002	76.14	23.86	15.74	5.75	0.40	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-24-2002	60.55	39.45	23.61	10.05	2.69	0.53
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	43.71	56.29	40.35	14.84	7.10	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	29.52	70.48	29.20	14.14	4.26	0.98
One Year Ago 12-25-2001	45.60	54.40	40.61	14.89	6.97	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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