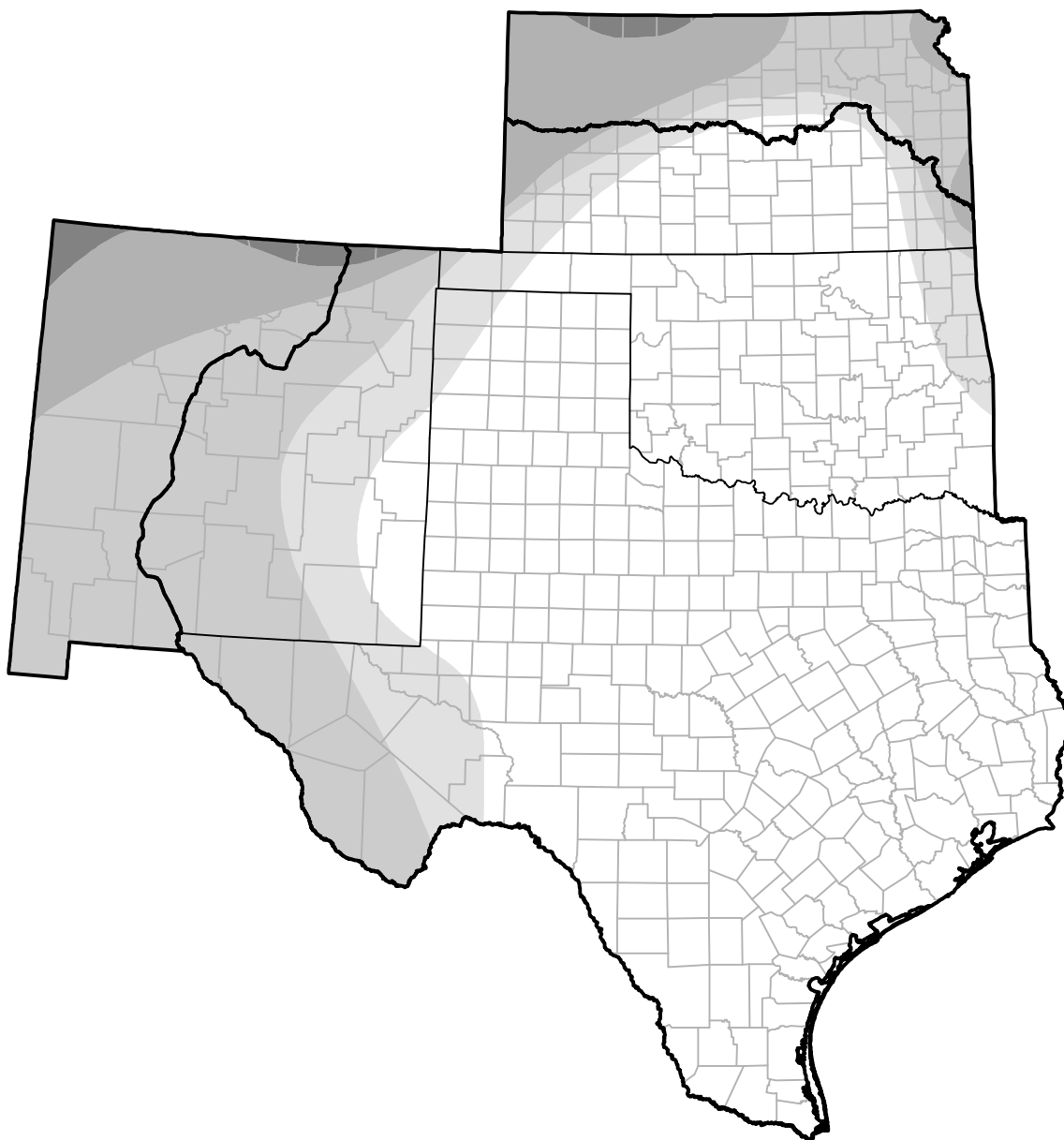


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.37	34.63	25.18	5.72	0.82	0.00
Last Week <i>12-19-2002</i>	65.27	34.73	25.48	5.94	0.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-26-2002</i>	49.85	50.15	37.94	13.06	4.68	0.29
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>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	73.56	41.49	10.80	3.14	0.14
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2001</i>	38.88	61.12	45.69	17.52	6.80	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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