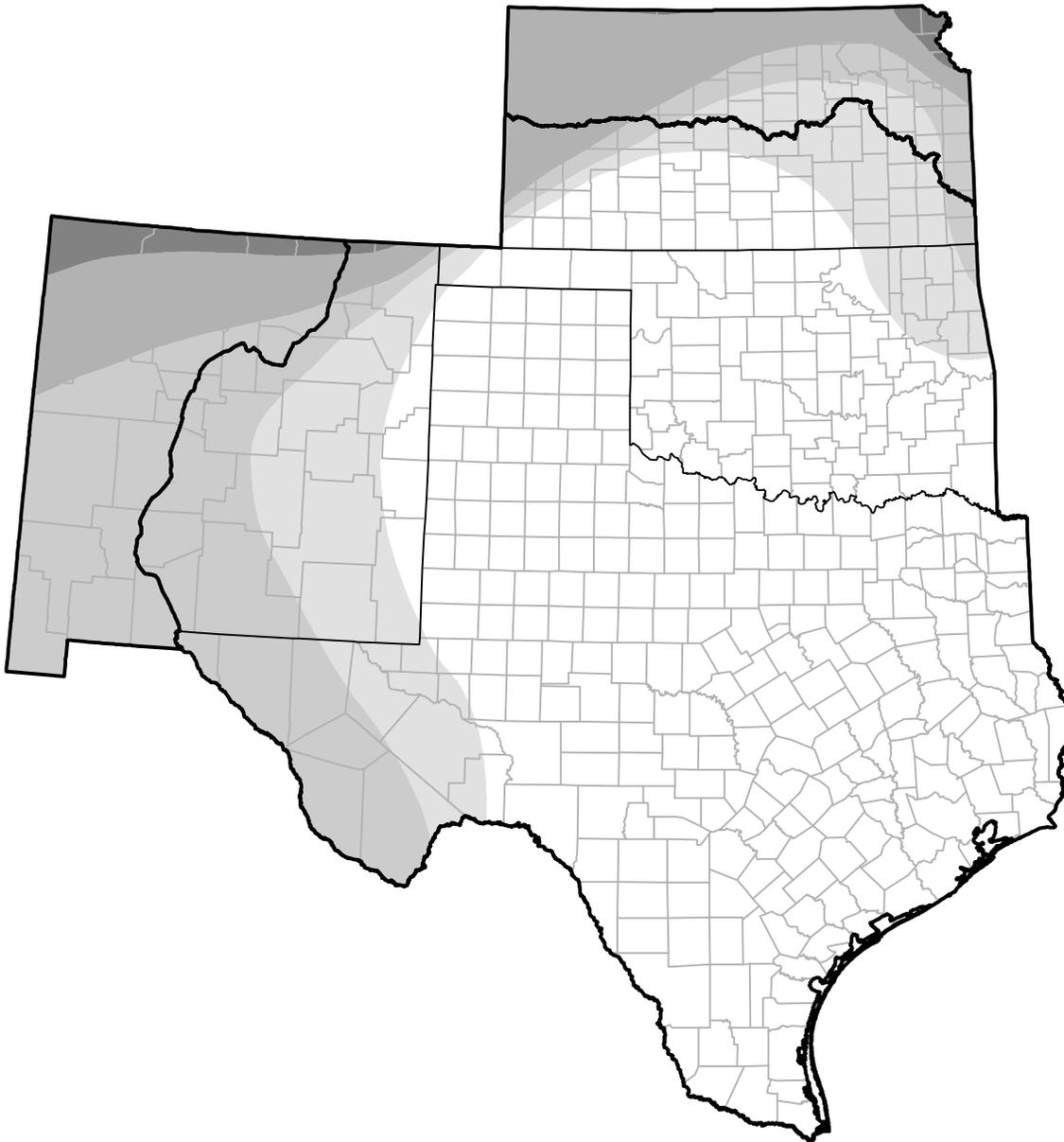


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**February 18, 2003**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	65.75	10.83	17.49	4.58	1.36	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-13-2003</i>	64.82	11.80	18.47	3.54	1.37	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-21-2002</i>	62.39	12.08	19.57	5.05	0.90	0.01
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	9.57	19.38	3.26	0.82	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	26.44	32.07	30.68	7.66	3.00	0.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-21-2002</i>	46.88	14.31	30.41	4.74	3.66	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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