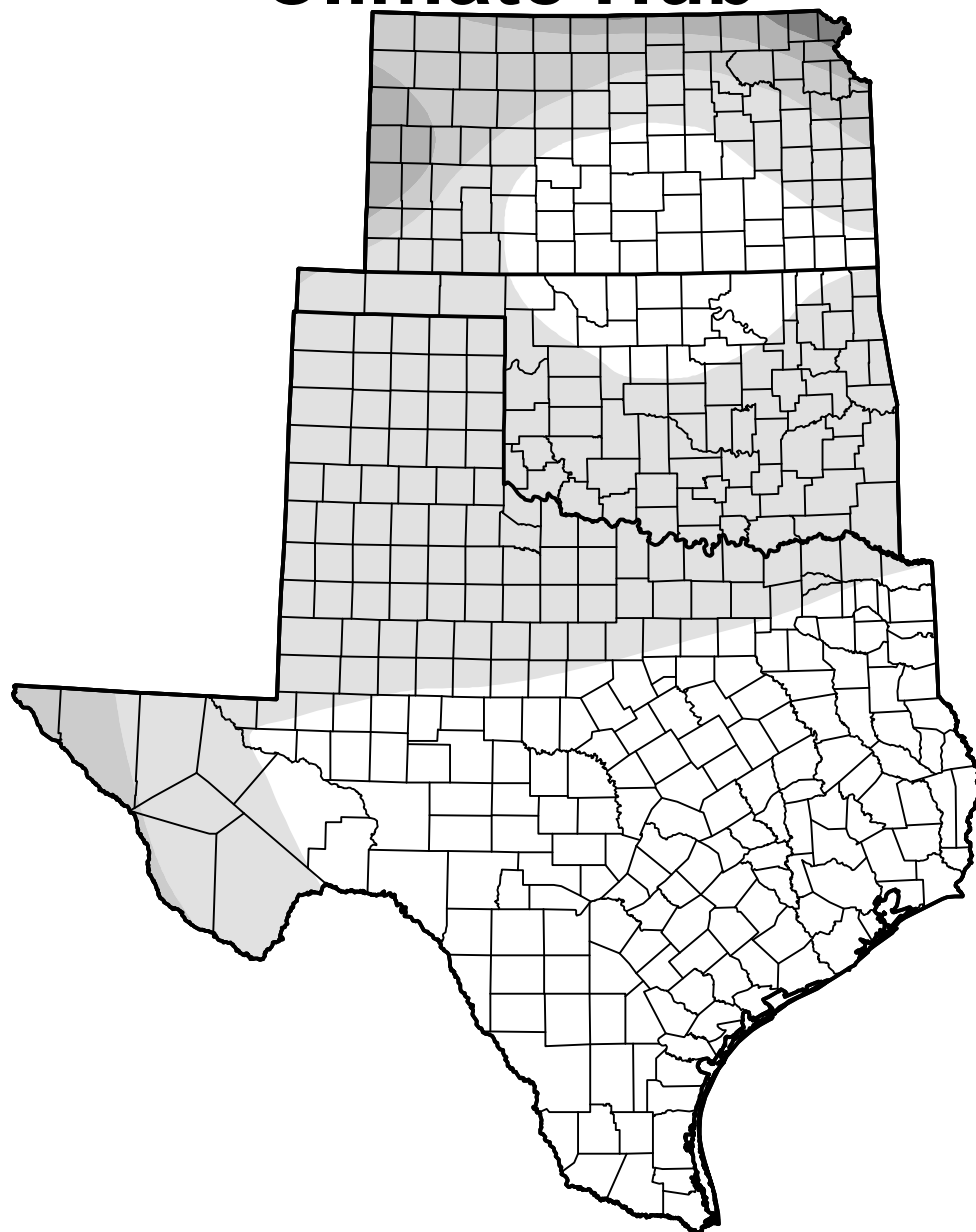


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**April 15, 2003**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 47.86 | 42.81 | 6.77  | 2.23  | 0.32 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-08-2003</i>              | 58.57 | 32.43 | 6.53  | 2.22  | 0.26 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-14-2003</i>           | 74.13 | 8.52  | 10.00 | 6.51  | 0.84 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 77.20 | 7.32  | 9.18  | 5.74  | 0.57 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 29.52 | 41.28 | 15.06 | 9.88  | 3.28 | 0.98 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-16-2002</i>           | 45.36 | 19.58 | 18.30 | 14.45 | 2.31 | 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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