

U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

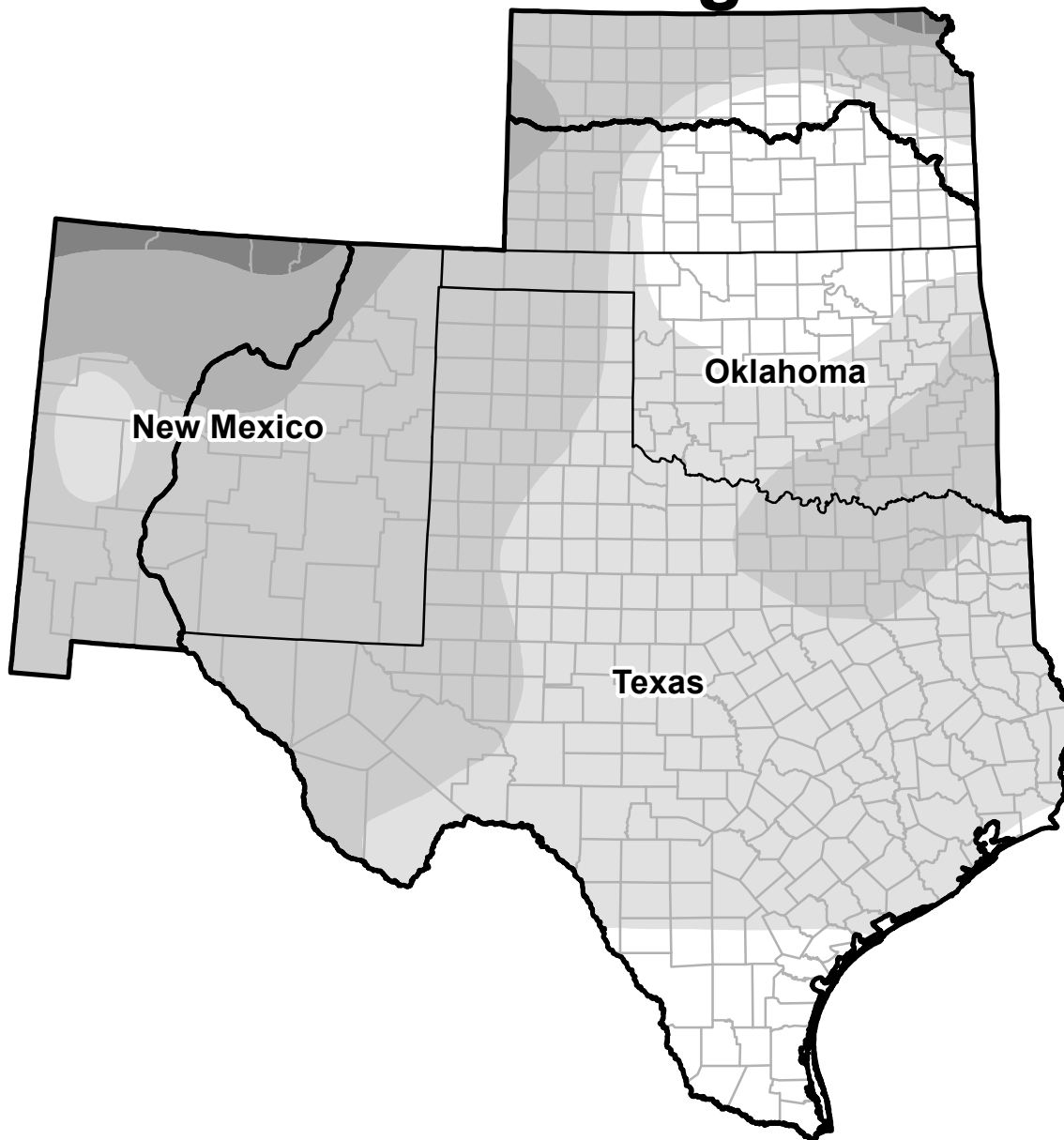
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.69	37.49	40.34	6.26	1.22	0.00
Last Week <i>04-29-2003</i>	14.87	57.32	20.16	6.57	1.08	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-04-2003</i>	58.64	12.34	19.71	7.93	1.37	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	61.86	10.14	19.66	7.20	1.14	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
One Year Ago <i>05-07-2002</i>	27.20	24.30	13.12	24.68	10.70	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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