

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains Area

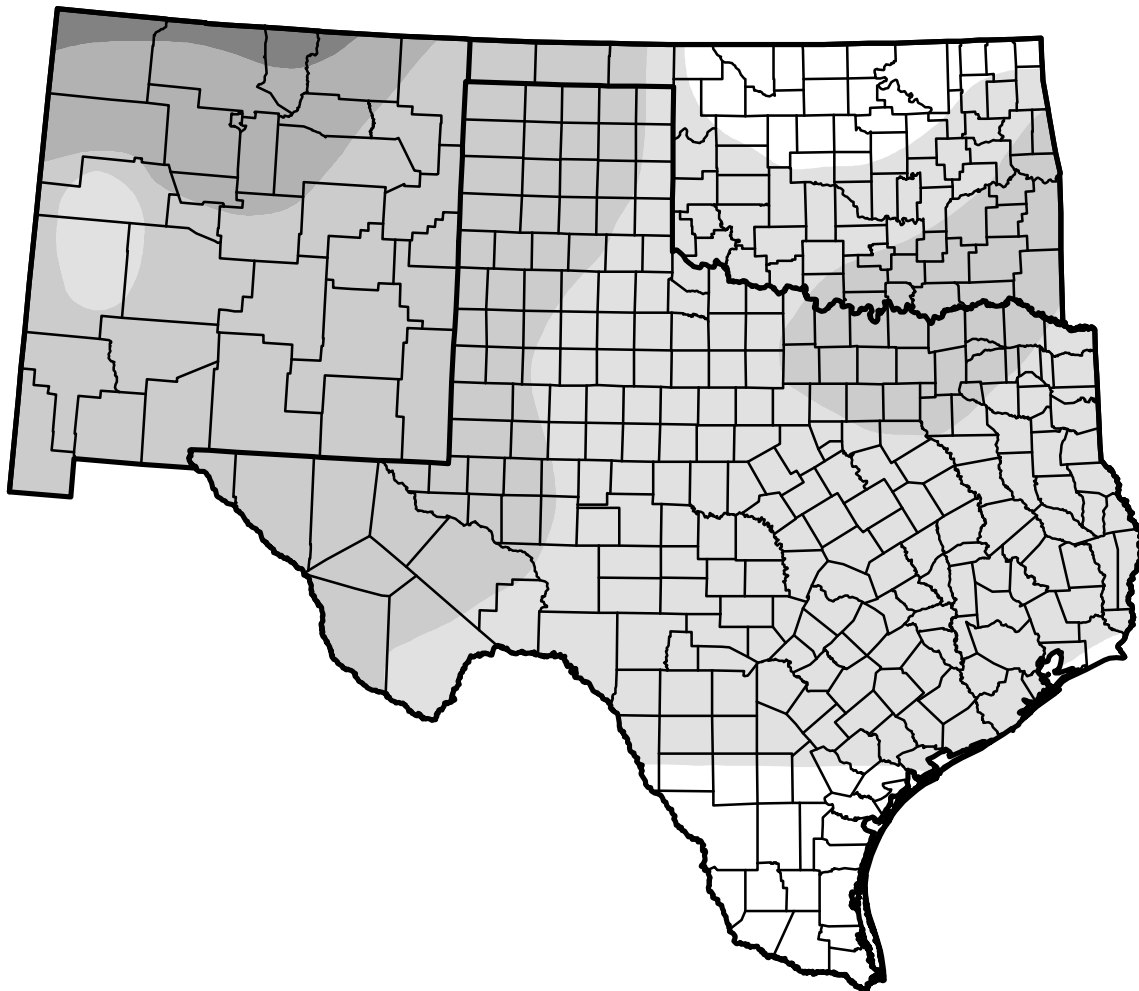
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	9.76	42.59	40.02	6.40	1.23	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-29-2003</i>	9.90	64.34	18.42	6.23	1.11	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-04-2003</i>	64.98	11.69	18.66	3.46	1.22	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	66.97	9.57	19.38	3.26	0.82	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	26.44	32.07	30.68	7.66	3.00	0.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-07-2002</i>	26.69	26.30	12.58	21.80	12.63	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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