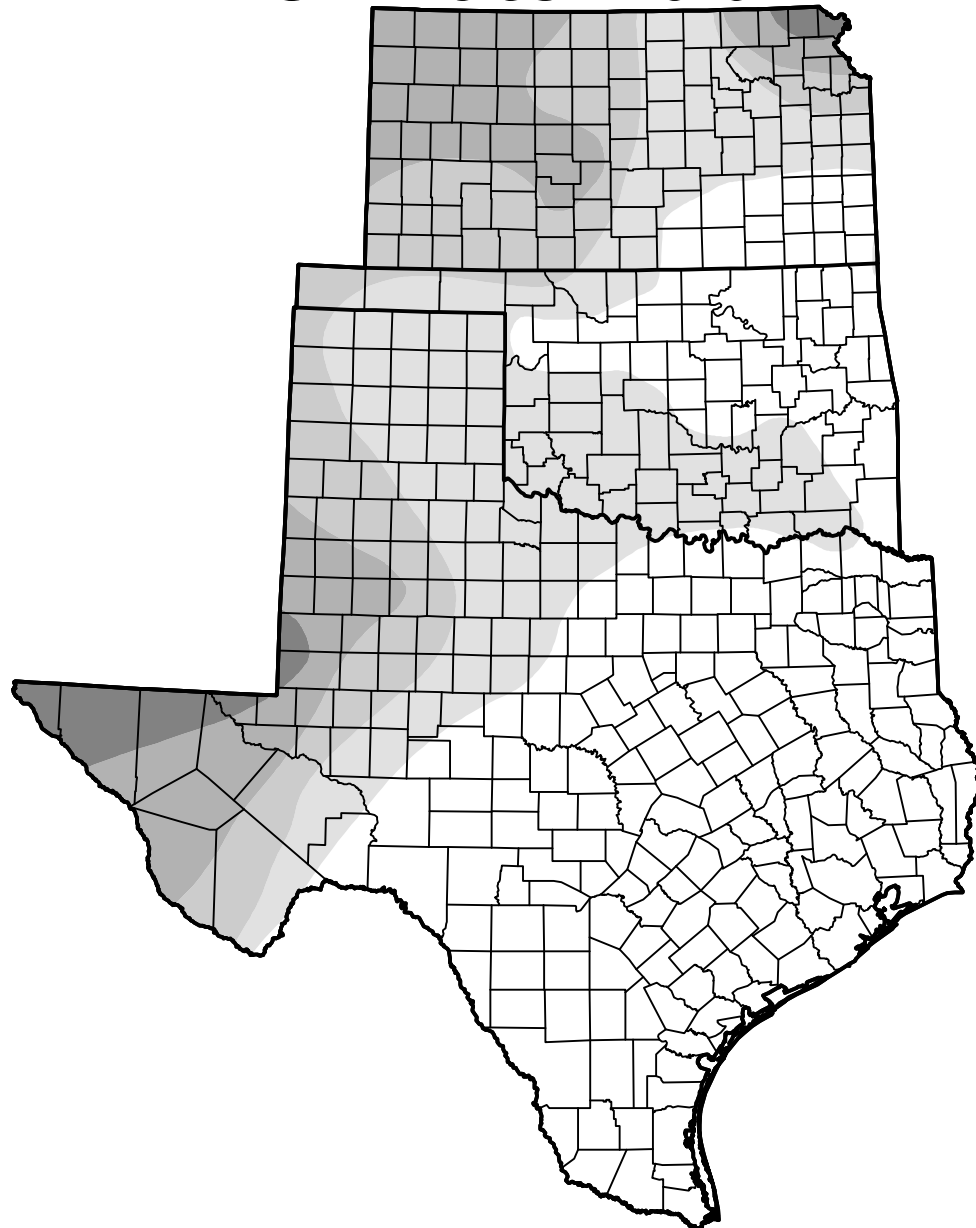


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	49.65	24.15	13.14	10.74	2.32	0.00
Last Week <i>09-30-2003</i>	42.24	29.68	14.38	11.56	2.15	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2003</i>	67.73	21.75	5.93	4.59	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	77.20	7.32	9.18	5.74	0.57	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	42.24	29.68	14.38	11.56	2.15	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	39.13	34.99	17.36	7.65	0.87	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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