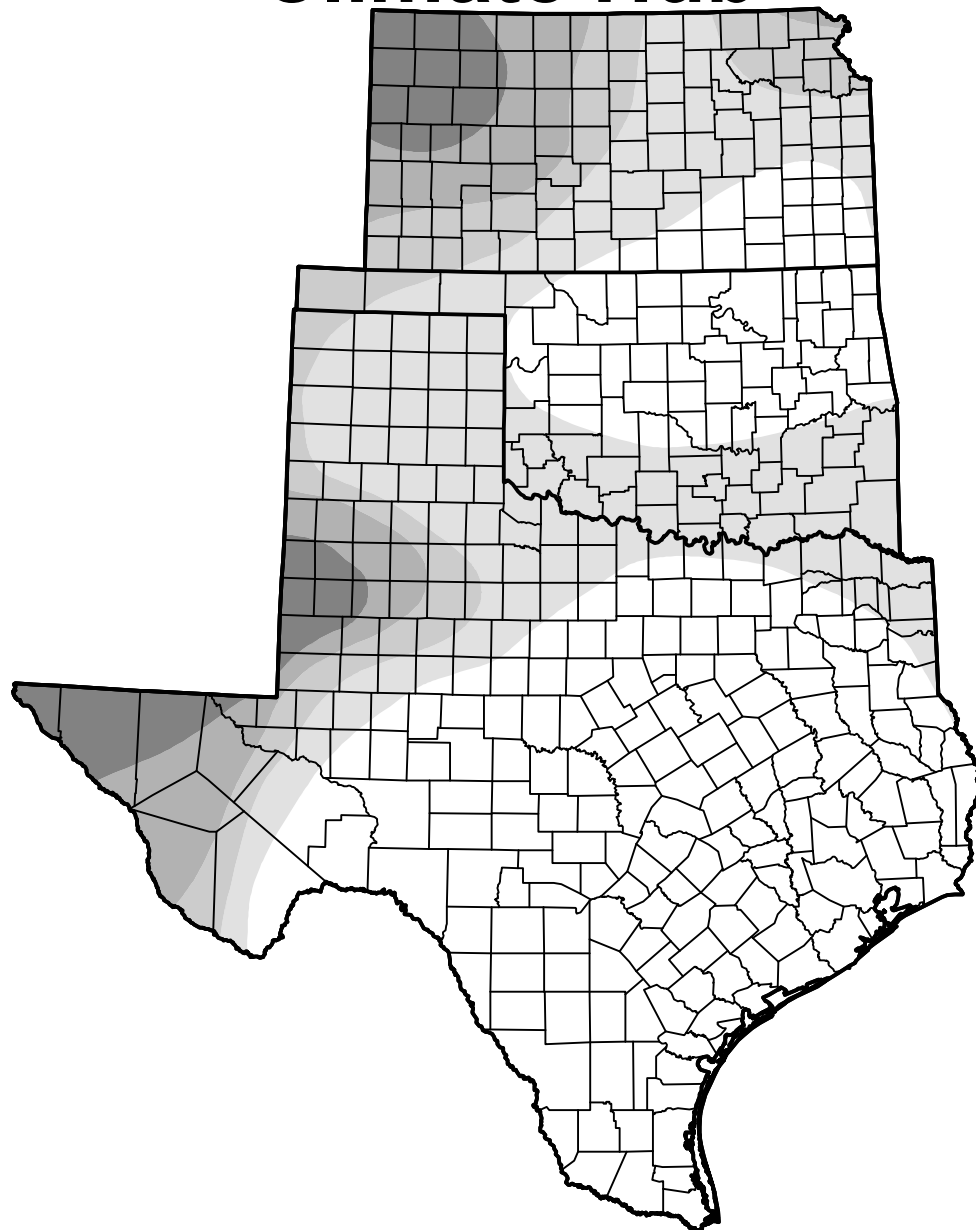


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.00	48.00	21.92	13.12	5.61	0.00
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	51.41	48.59	23.00	13.90	6.20	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	28.63	71.37	37.65	6.48	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	77.20	22.80	15.49	6.31	0.57	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	42.24	57.76	28.09	13.71	2.15	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	52.76	47.24	24.92	10.00	1.60	0.03

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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