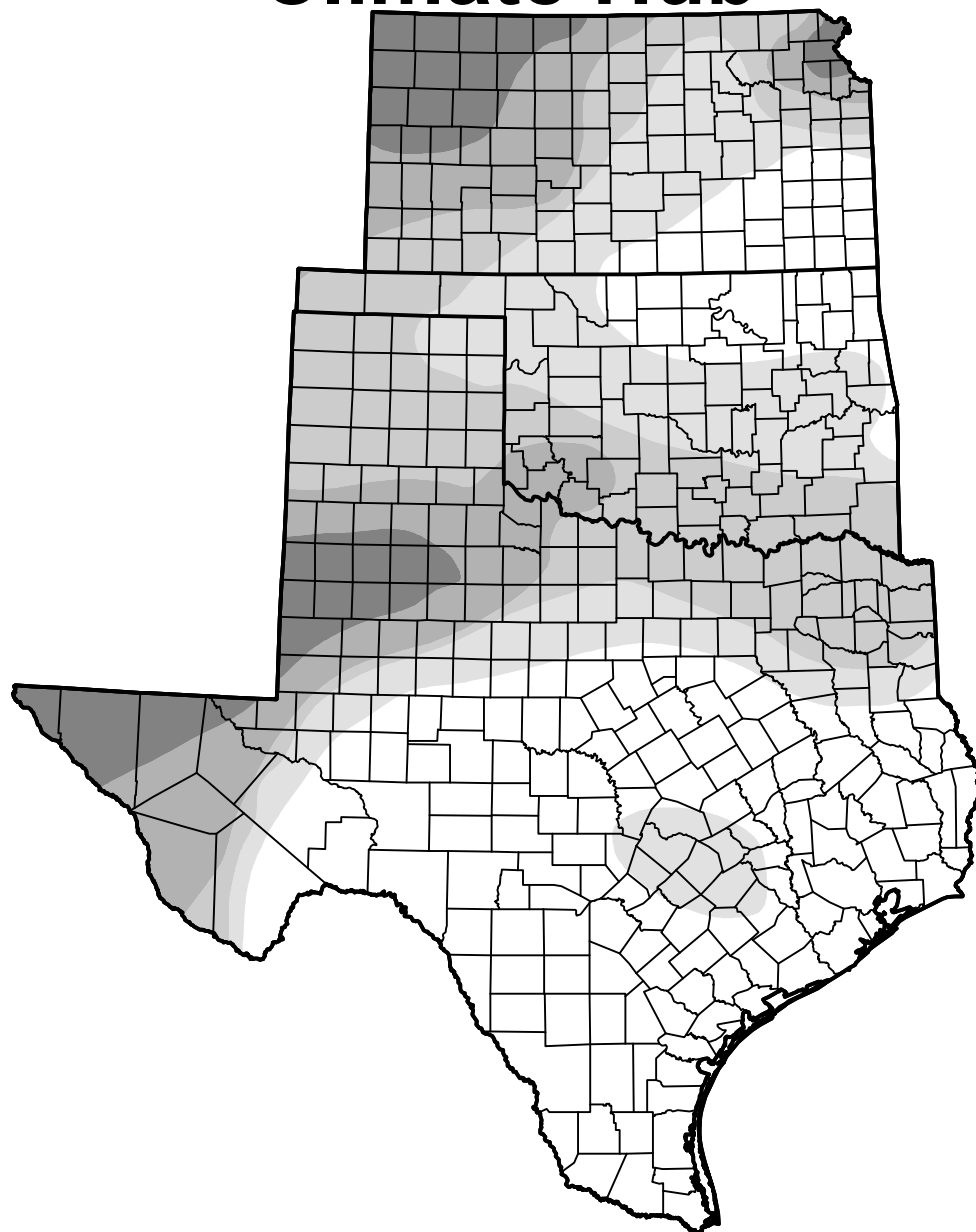


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	40.38	19.52	20.16	12.12	7.82	0.00
Last Week 12-02-2003	42.87	18.77	19.98	10.88	7.49	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-09-2003	24.00	25.49	29.12	19.93	1.46	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	77.20	7.32	9.18	5.74	0.57	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2003	42.24	29.68	14.38	11.56	2.15	0.00
One Year Ago 12-10-2002	76.18	8.23	9.84	5.24	0.52	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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