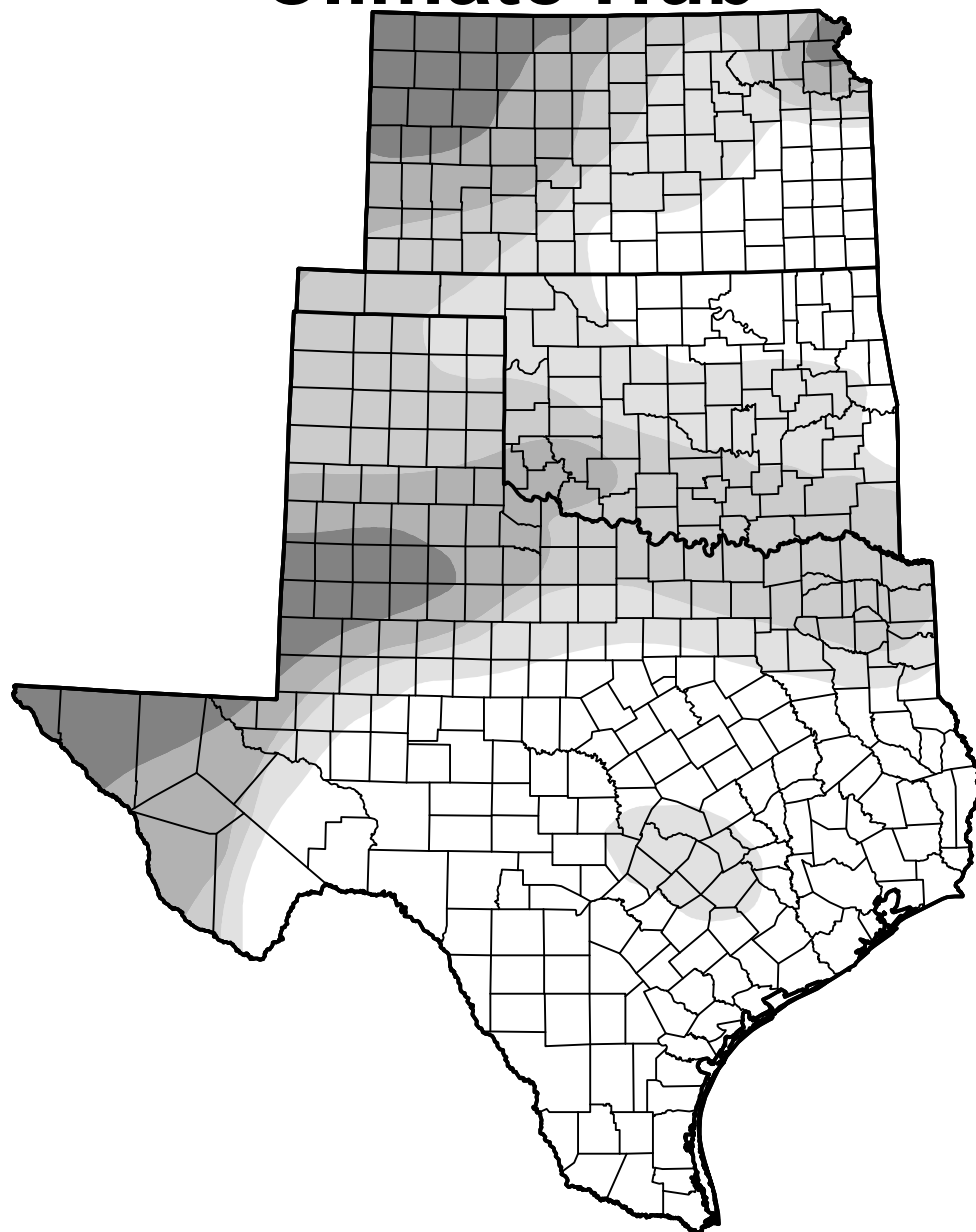


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.38	57.62	39.26	19.66	7.79	0.00
Last Week 12-09-2003	40.38	59.62	40.10	19.94	7.82	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-16-2003	36.48	63.52	33.34	15.58	2.28	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	77.20	22.80	15.49	6.31	0.57	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2003	42.24	57.76	28.09	13.71	2.15	0.00
One Year Ago 12-17-2002	76.14	23.86	15.74	5.75	0.40	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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