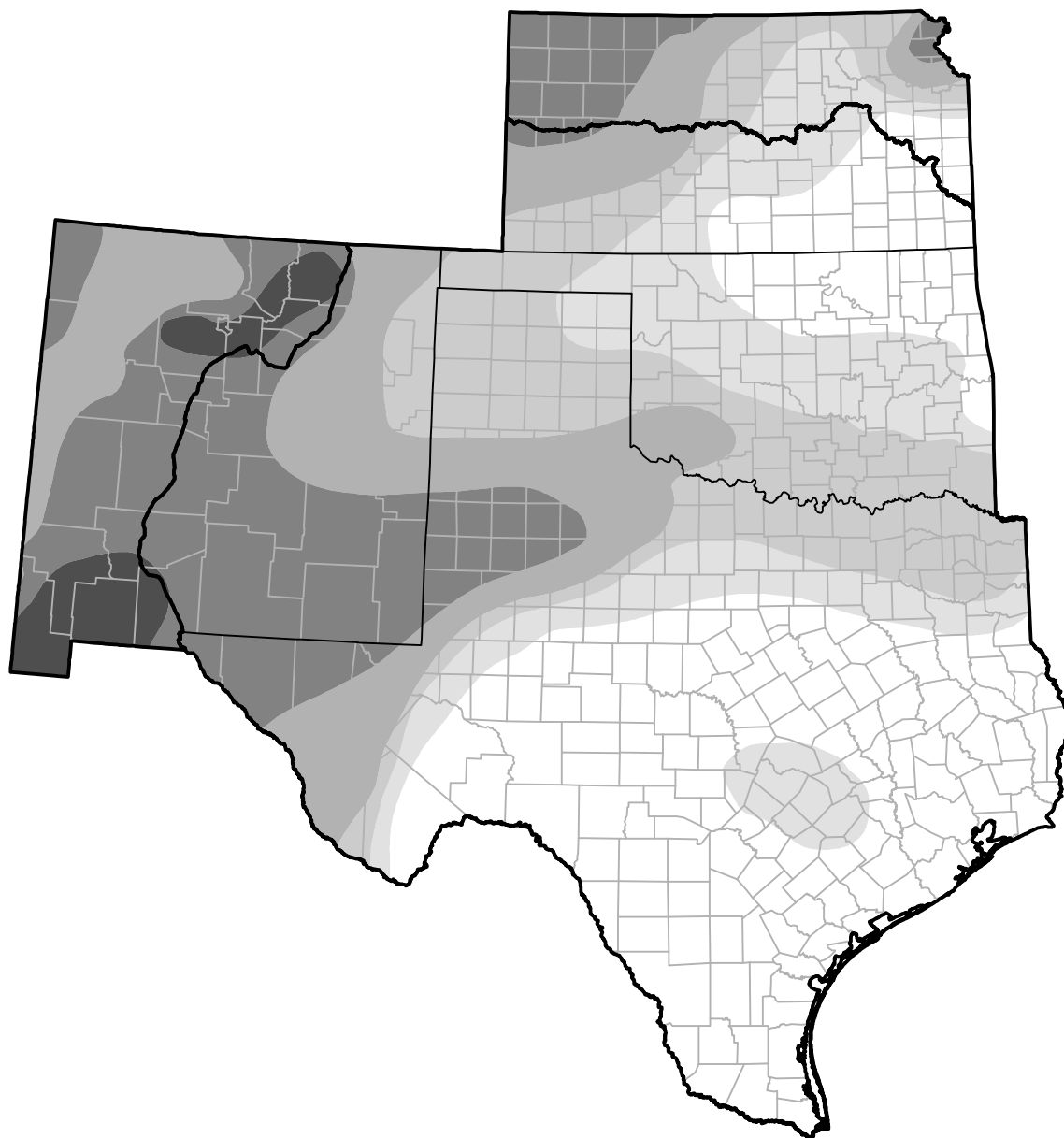


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	34.67	65.33	52.39	36.92	21.93	3.45
Last Week <i>12-11-2003</i>	33.78	66.22	52.65	36.41	21.65	3.45
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2003</i>	31.86	68.14	45.54	33.82	21.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	66.97	33.03	23.46	4.08	0.82	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	37.43	62.57	40.59	32.21	21.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-19-2002</i>	65.27	34.73	25.48	5.94	0.82	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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