

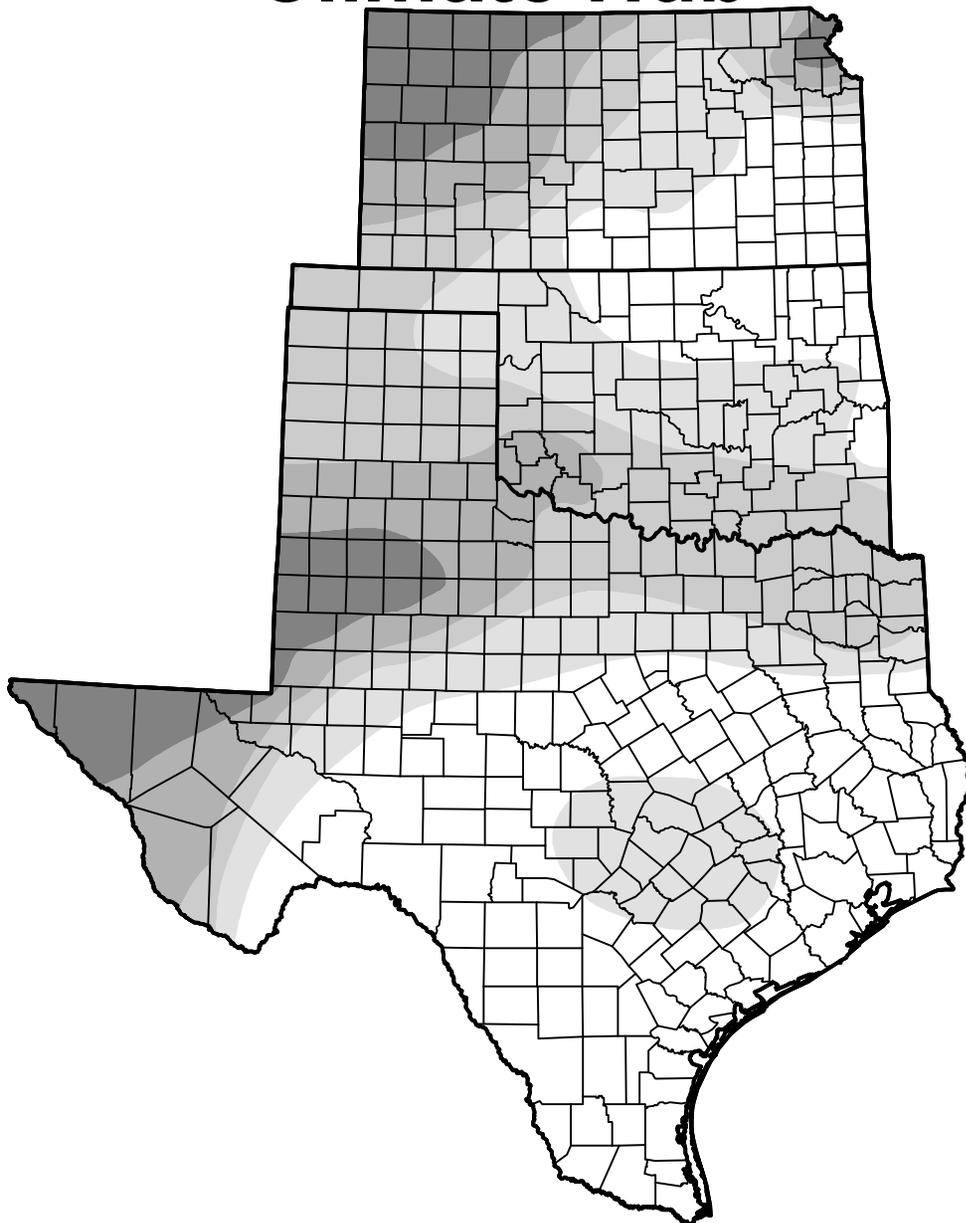
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

**December 23, 2003**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	38.76	21.44	20.23	11.45	8.11	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	42.38	18.35	19.60	11.87	7.79	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-23-2003</i>	36.07	30.48	18.05	13.10	2.30	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	77.20	7.32	9.18	5.74	0.57	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	42.24	29.68	14.38	11.56	2.15	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-24-2002</i>	76.17	8.37	9.77	5.30	0.39	0.00



***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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