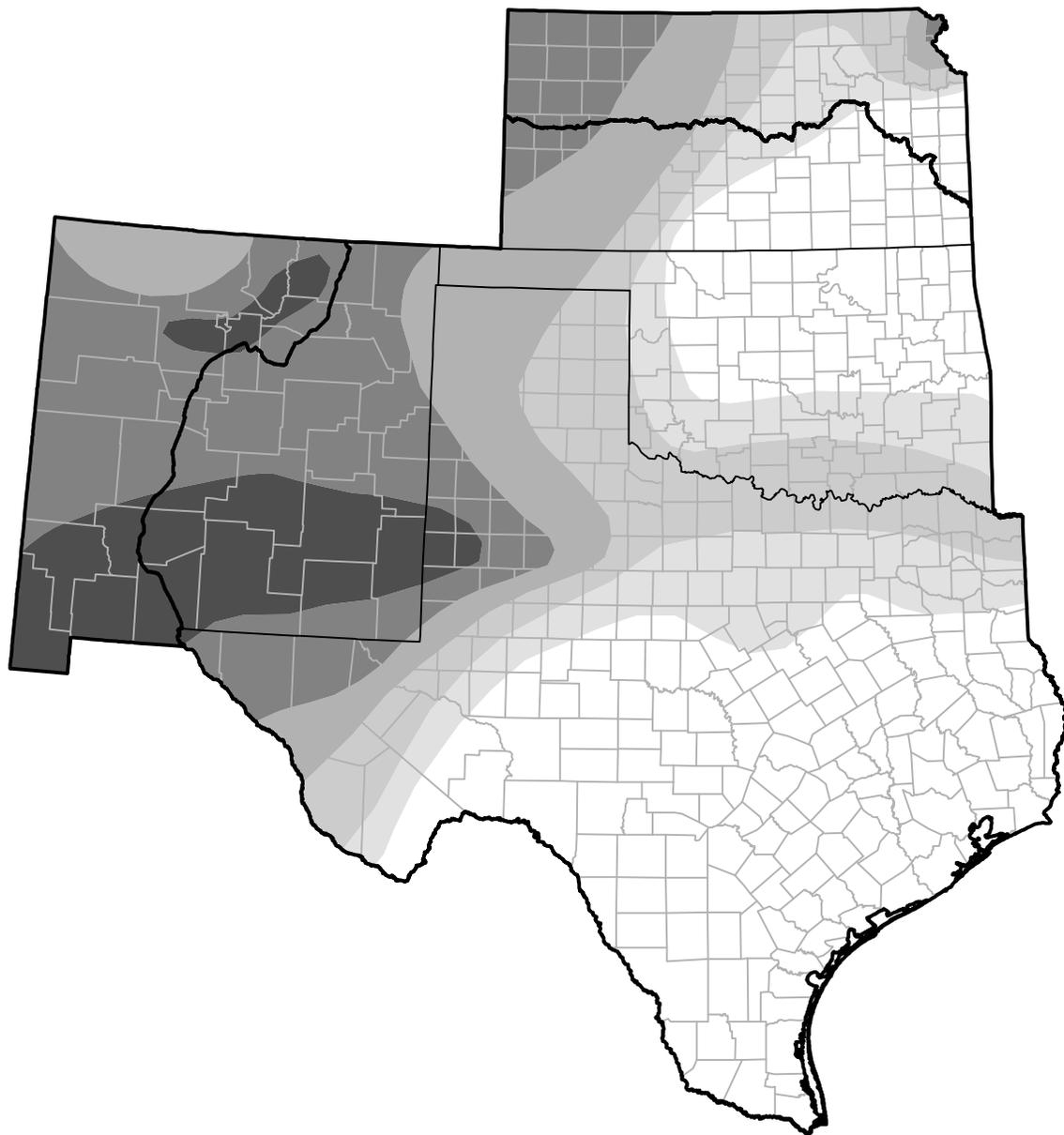


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	38.79	61.21	50.04	37.96	28.56	10.25
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-12-2004</i>	38.39	61.61	50.07	38.17	28.91	10.25
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-20-2003</i>	34.71	65.29	51.61	34.42	21.83	3.16
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2003</i>	31.46	68.54	52.74	40.71	25.50	6.09
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	37.43	62.57	40.59	32.21	21.07	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-20-2003</i>	65.75	34.25	23.42	5.93	1.36	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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