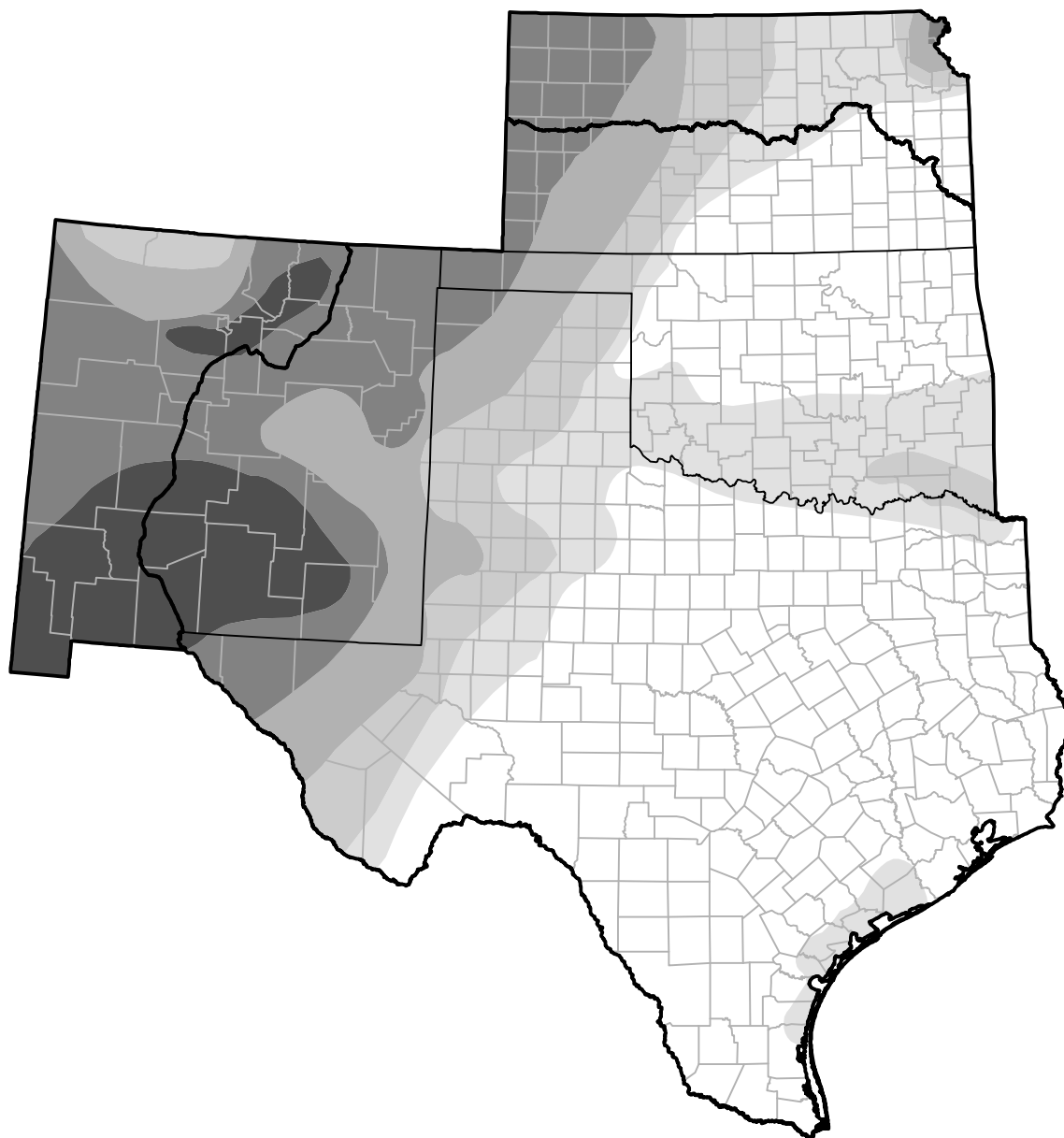


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS



**March 2, 2004**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 46.42 | 53.58 | 40.90 | 32.54 | 23.43 | 8.89  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-26-2004</i>              | 42.06 | 57.94 | 48.45 | 37.96 | 28.56 | 10.25 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-04-2003</i>           | 36.18 | 63.82 | 51.22 | 34.91 | 21.38 | 3.33  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2003</i> | 31.46 | 68.54 | 52.74 | 40.71 | 25.50 | 6.09  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2003</i>    | 37.43 | 62.57 | 40.59 | 32.21 | 21.07 | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-06-2003</i>           | 68.64 | 31.36 | 20.06 | 4.54  | 1.29  | 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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