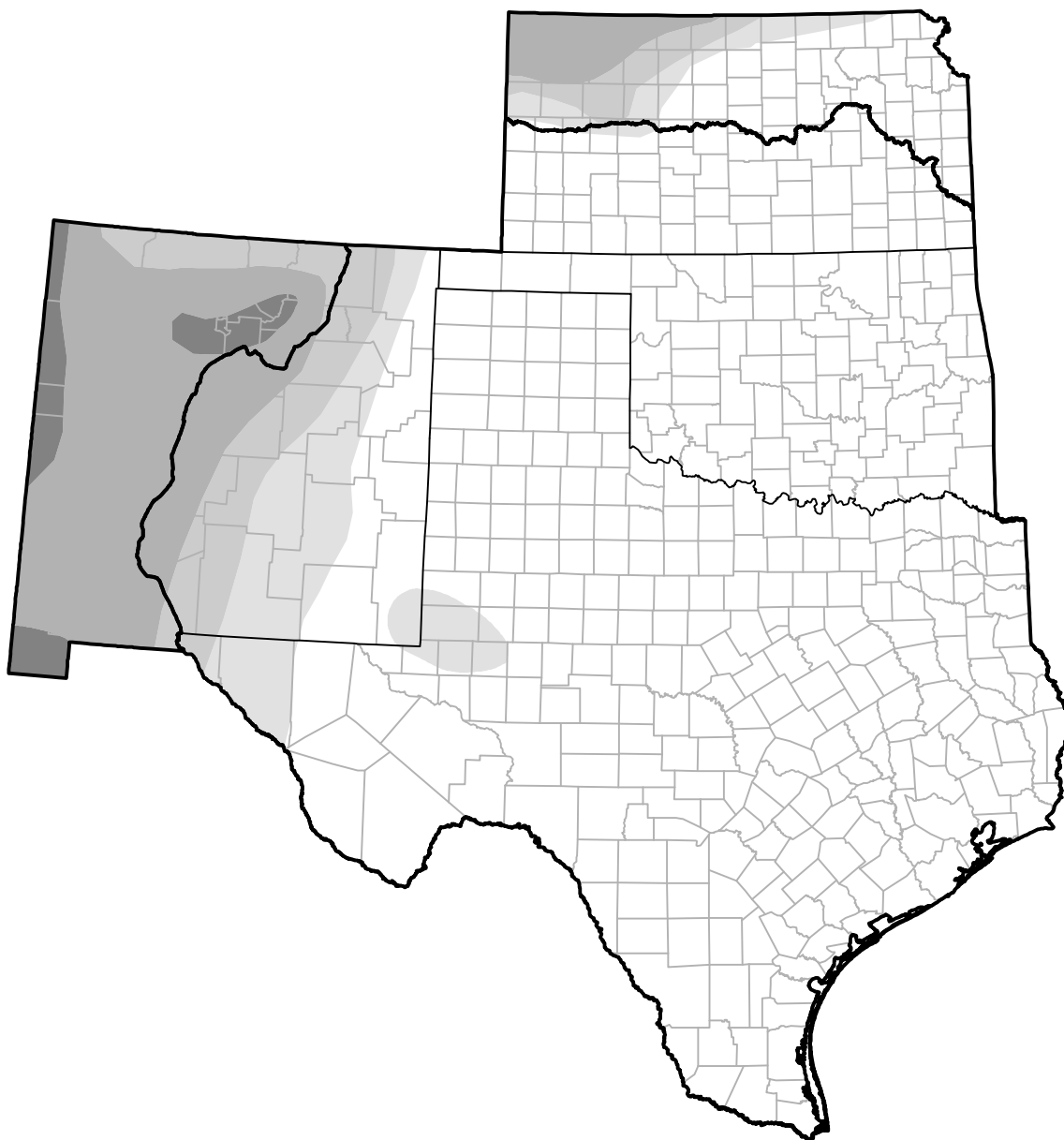


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS



**August 17, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 75.23 | 6.24  | 5.06  | 11.41 | 2.06  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-12-2004</i>              | 70.39 | 7.92  | 5.88  | 13.42 | 2.39  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-20-2004</i>           | 58.34 | 19.55 | 8.51  | 10.49 | 3.11  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2003</i> | 31.46 | 15.80 | 12.03 | 15.20 | 19.42 | 6.09 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2003</i>    | 37.43 | 21.98 | 8.39  | 11.13 | 21.07 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-21-2003</i>           | 18.23 | 15.69 | 24.15 | 33.78 | 8.15  | 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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