

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**October 5, 2004**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	83.88	10.45	3.45	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	88.77	5.73	3.28	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-06-2004</i>	65.39	17.26	12.66	4.68	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	36.64	17.86	13.83	16.29	13.28	2.11
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	88.77	5.73	3.28	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-07-2003</i>	46.86	20.32	11.26	10.59	10.98	0.00

***Intensity:***

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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