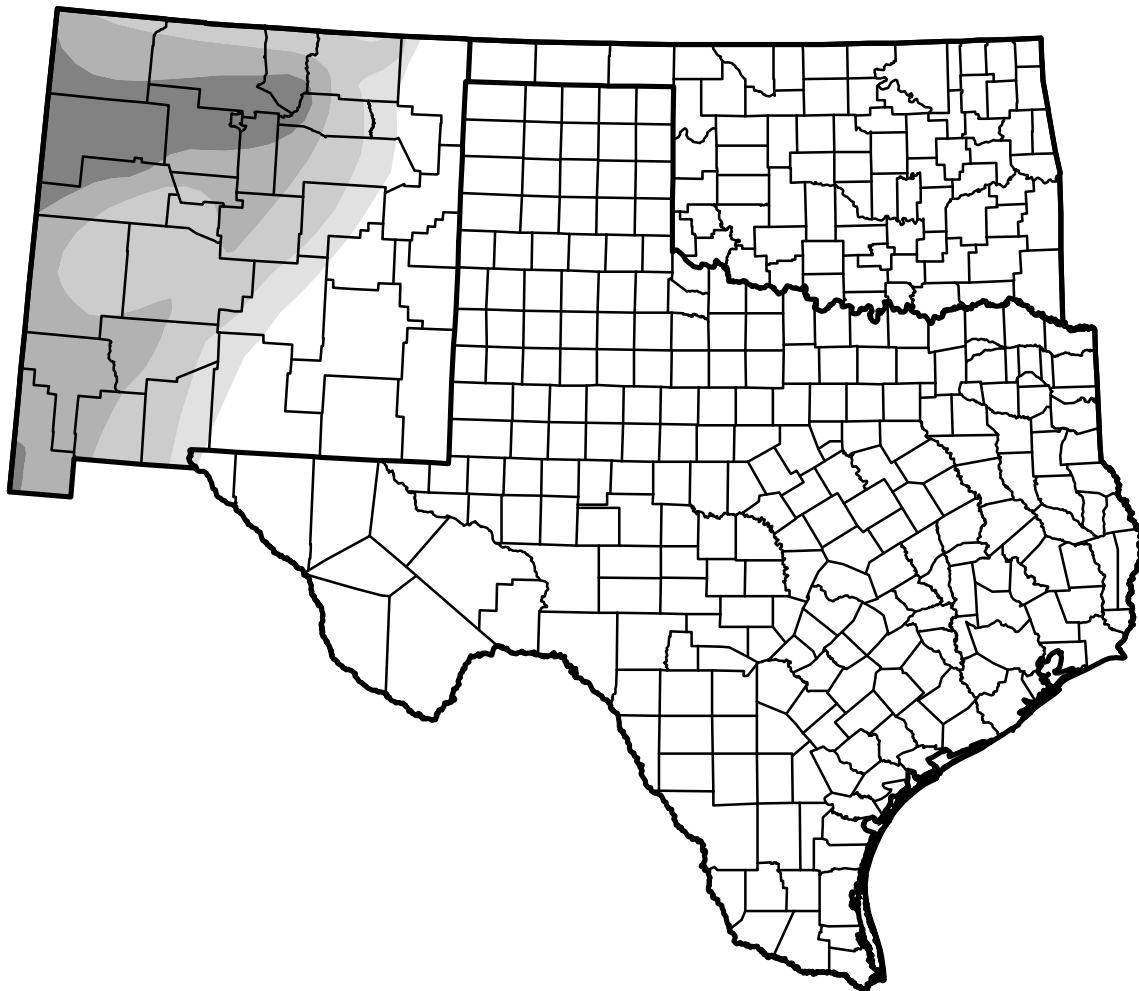


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains Area

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	81.49	2.26	6.36	6.45	3.44	0.00
Last Week <i>11-23-2004</i>	81.69	2.28	5.81	6.78	3.44	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>08-31-2004</i>	76.51	5.16	4.86	11.41	2.06	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	31.46	15.80	12.03	15.20	19.41	6.09
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	76.41	5.52	4.60	11.41	2.05	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-02-2003</i>	36.18	12.60	16.31	13.53	18.05	3.33

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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