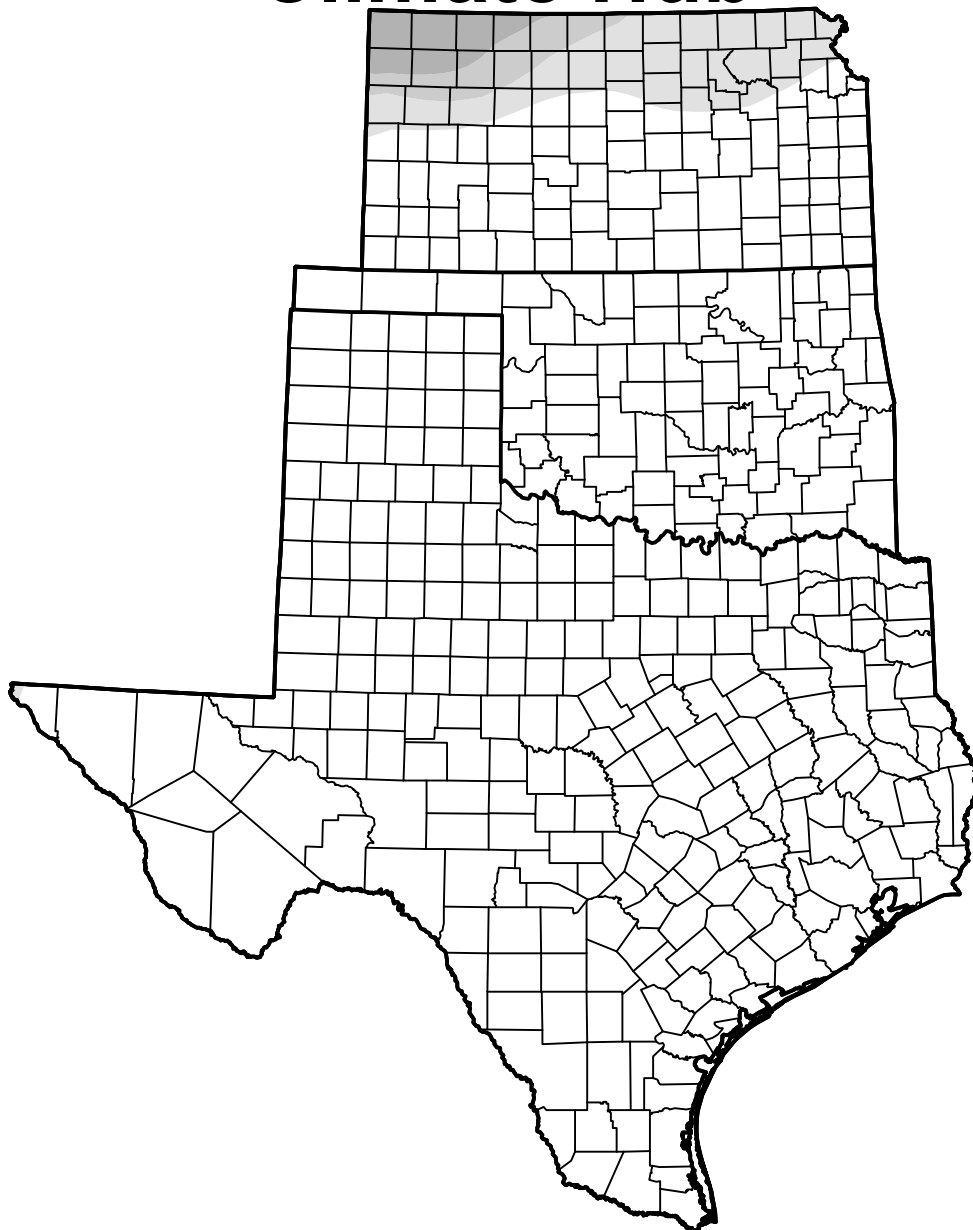


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	93.18	6.82	2.46	1.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-14-2004	93.70	6.30	2.46	1.21	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-21-2004	86.57	13.43	2.51	1.67	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	39.59	60.41	39.64	23.10	8.72	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	94.62	5.38	2.51	1.34	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-23-2003	38.76	61.24	39.80	19.57	8.12	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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