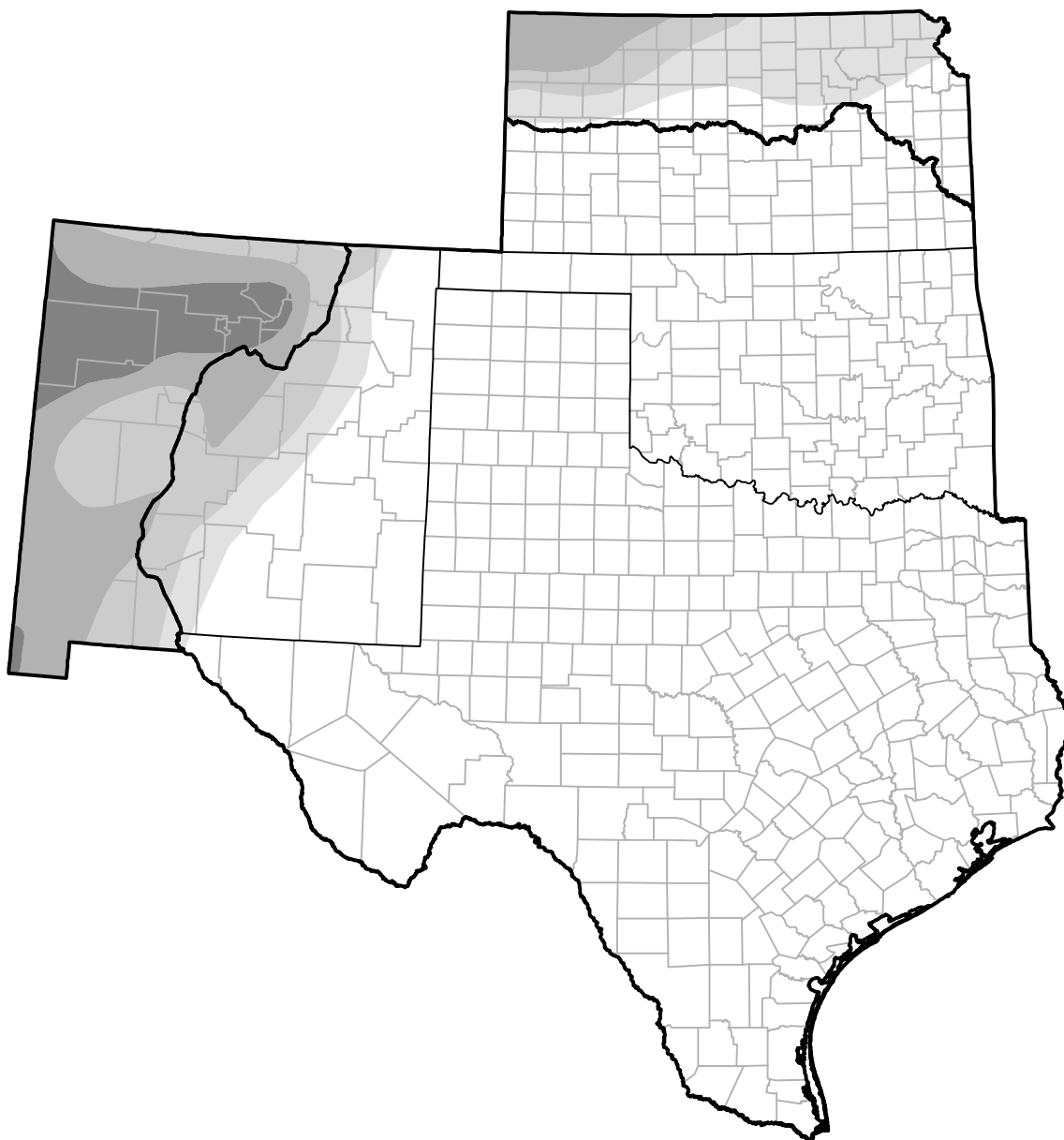


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS



**December 21, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 81.49 | 18.51 | 16.25 | 9.88  | 3.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-16-2004</i>              | 81.49 | 18.51 | 16.25 | 9.88  | 3.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2004</i>           | 75.32 | 24.68 | 18.34 | 13.46 | 2.05  | 0.00 |
| <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>09-30-2004</i>    | 76.41 | 23.59 | 18.07 | 13.46 | 2.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2003</i>           | 31.13 | 68.87 | 52.97 | 36.83 | 21.81 | 5.94 |

### 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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