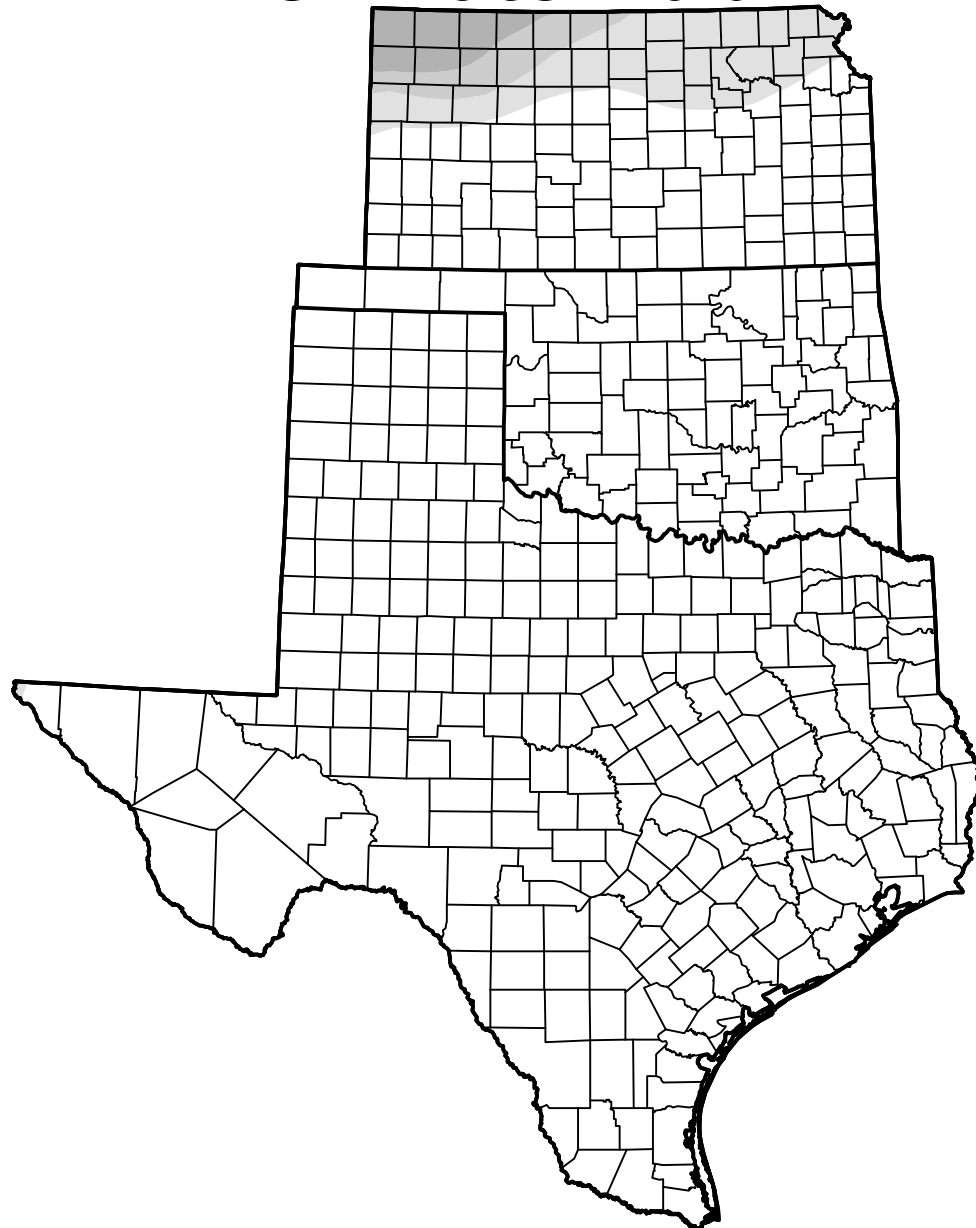


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**December 28, 2004**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                 | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 93.18 | 6.82  | 2.46  | 1.25  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-21-2004                  | 93.18 | 6.82  | 2.46  | 1.25  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-28-2004               | 94.62 | 5.38  | 2.51  | 1.34  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>12-30-2003 | 39.59 | 60.41 | 39.64 | 23.10 | 8.72  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-28-2004    | 94.62 | 5.38  | 2.51  | 1.34  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-30-2003               | 39.59 | 60.41 | 39.64 | 23.10 | 8.72  | 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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