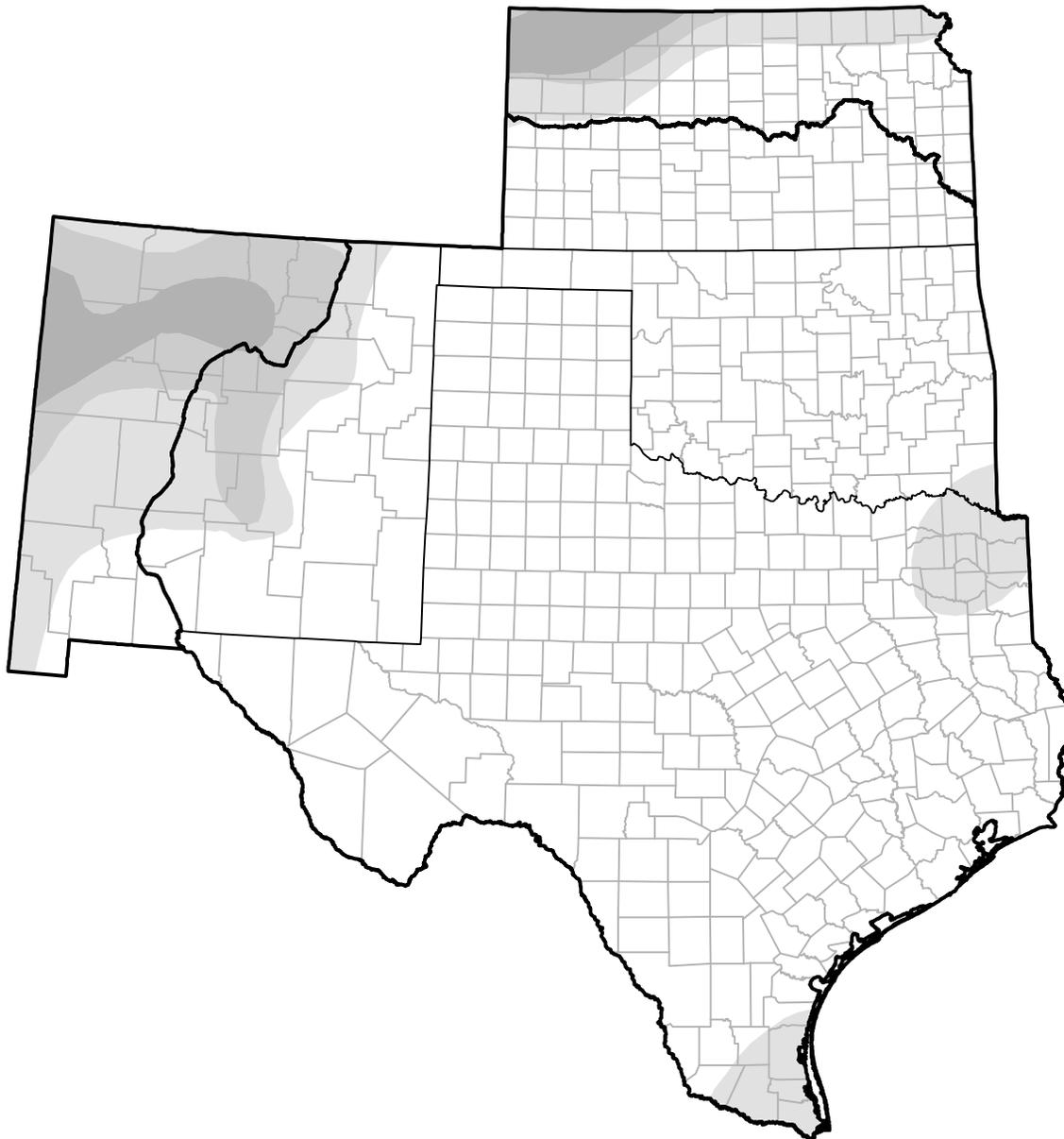


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**March 15, 2005**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 17, 2005)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 81.20 | 18.80 | 8.25  | 2.55  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-10-2005</i>              | 81.20 | 18.80 | 8.50  | 3.29  | 0.60  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2004</i>           | 81.49 | 18.51 | 16.25 | 9.88  | 3.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2005</i> | 81.49 | 18.51 | 16.25 | 9.88  | 3.44  | 0.00 |
| <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>03-18-2004</i>           | 54.17 | 45.83 | 34.45 | 29.84 | 22.49 | 8.18 |

***Intensity:***



*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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