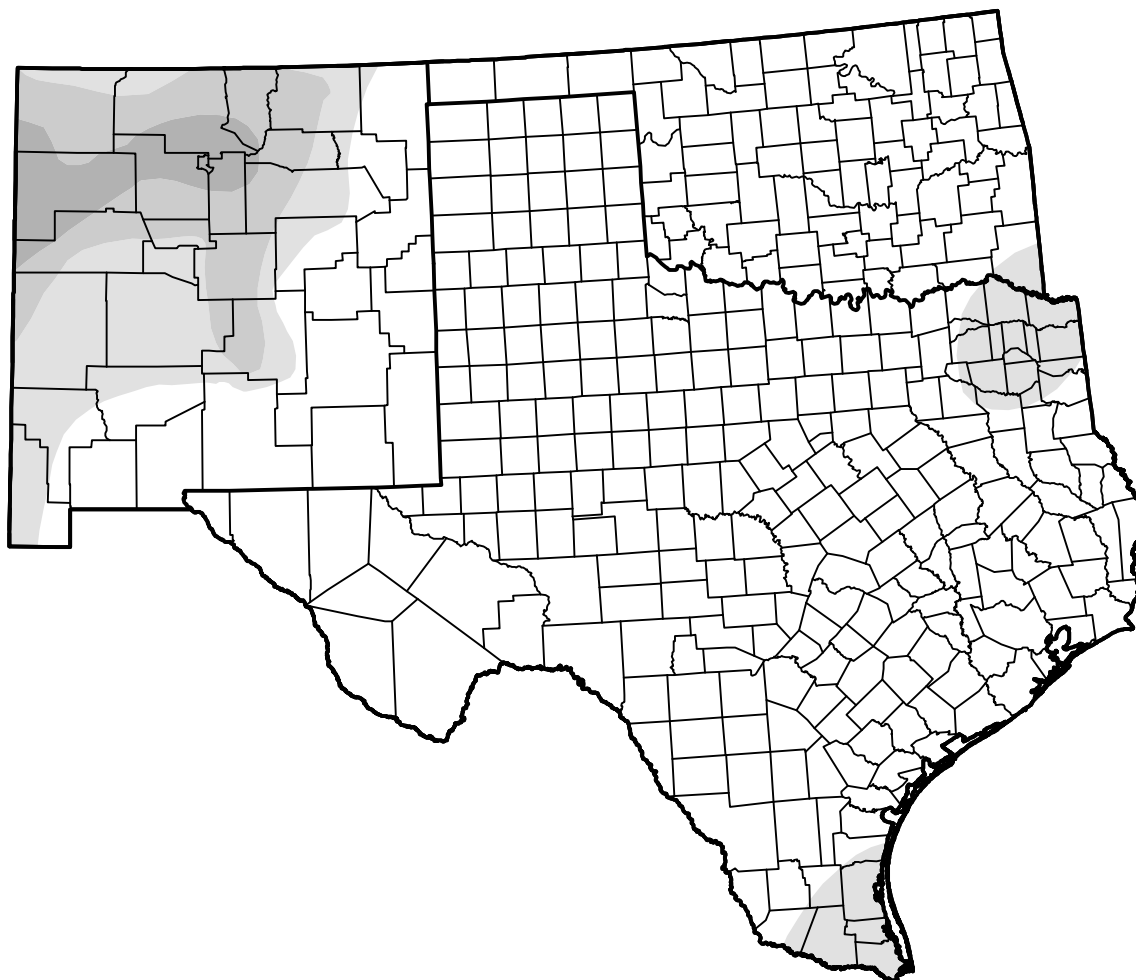


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	81.20	18.80	8.25	2.55	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	81.20	18.80	8.50	3.29	0.60	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	81.49	18.51	16.25	9.88	3.44	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	81.49	18.51	16.25	9.88	3.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	76.41	23.59	18.07	13.46	2.05	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-16-2004</i>	54.17	45.83	34.45	29.84	22.49	8.18

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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