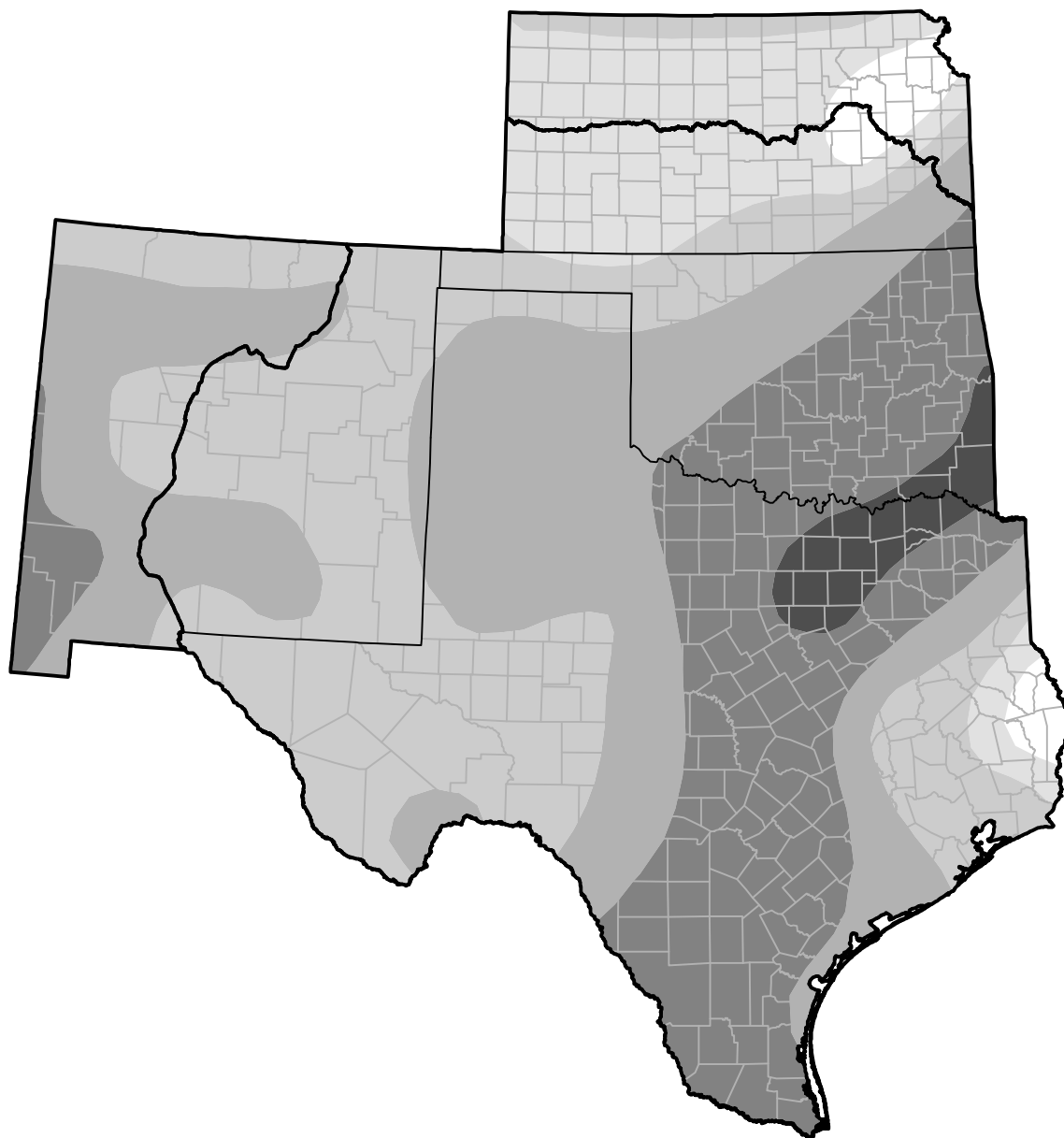


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.74	1.29	32.85	33.98	27.75	3.40
Last Week <i>02-16-2006</i>	0.74	1.78	37.84	29.91	26.53	3.20
3 Months Ago <i>11-24-2005</i>	28.72	36.55	16.17	16.02	2.55	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	7.80	37.38	26.09	14.64	10.81	3.28
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	53.54	25.70	17.02	3.74	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-24-2005</i>	82.08	5.37	7.61	2.68	2.26	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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