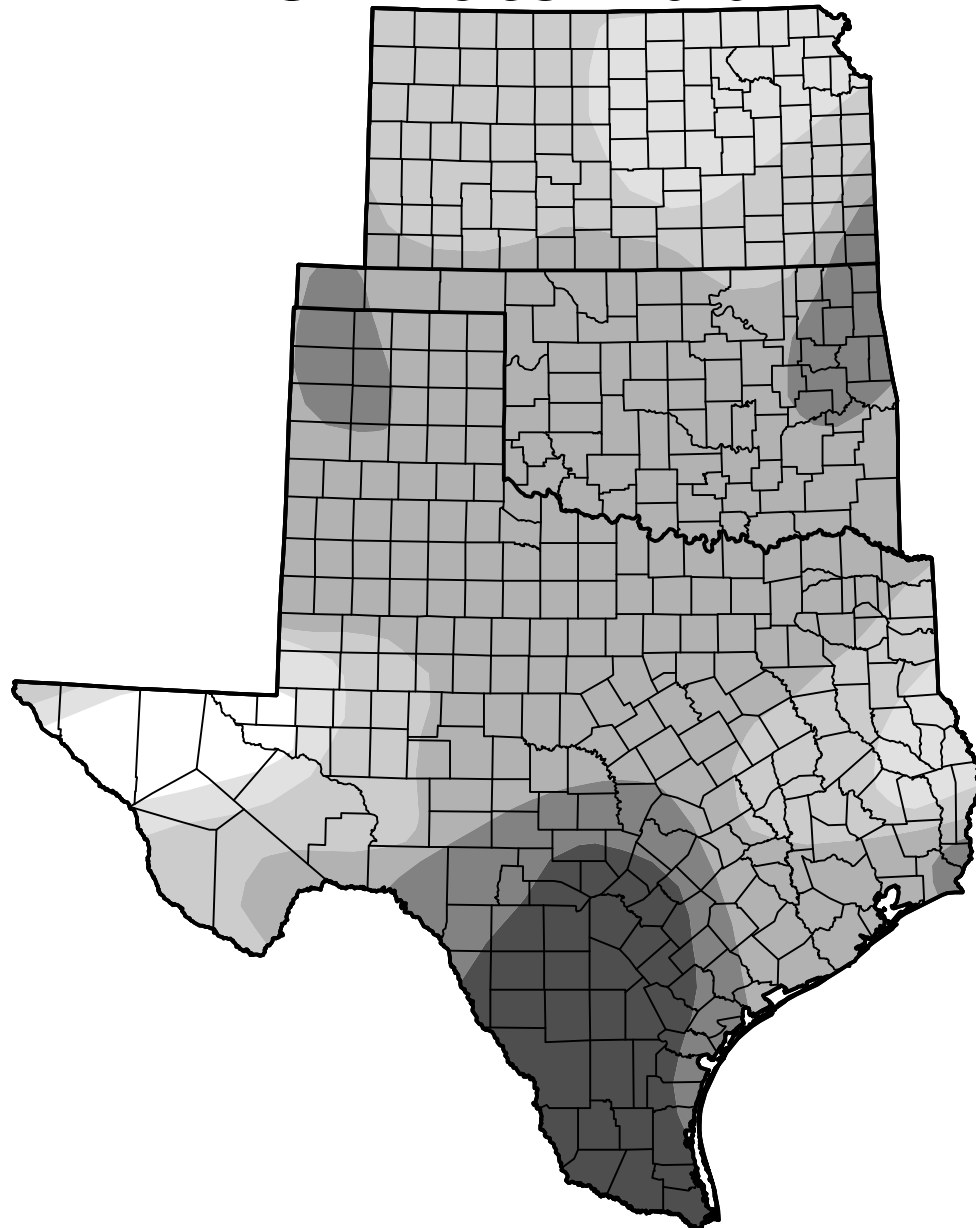


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**April 18, 2006**

*(Released Thursday, Apr. 20, 2006)*

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 3.03  | 9.68  | 21.49 | 46.89 | 9.77  | 9.14 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-11-2006</i>              | 3.03  | 11.01 | 23.56 | 48.88 | 5.45  | 8.07 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-17-2006</i>           | 9.51  | 31.56 | 26.65 | 14.34 | 13.27 | 4.68 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 20.23 | 26.13 | 21.99 | 16.23 | 11.83 | 3.59 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 65.26 | 18.05 | 12.60 | 4.09  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-19-2005</i>           | 88.37 | 6.88  | 4.29  | 0.46  | 0.00  | 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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