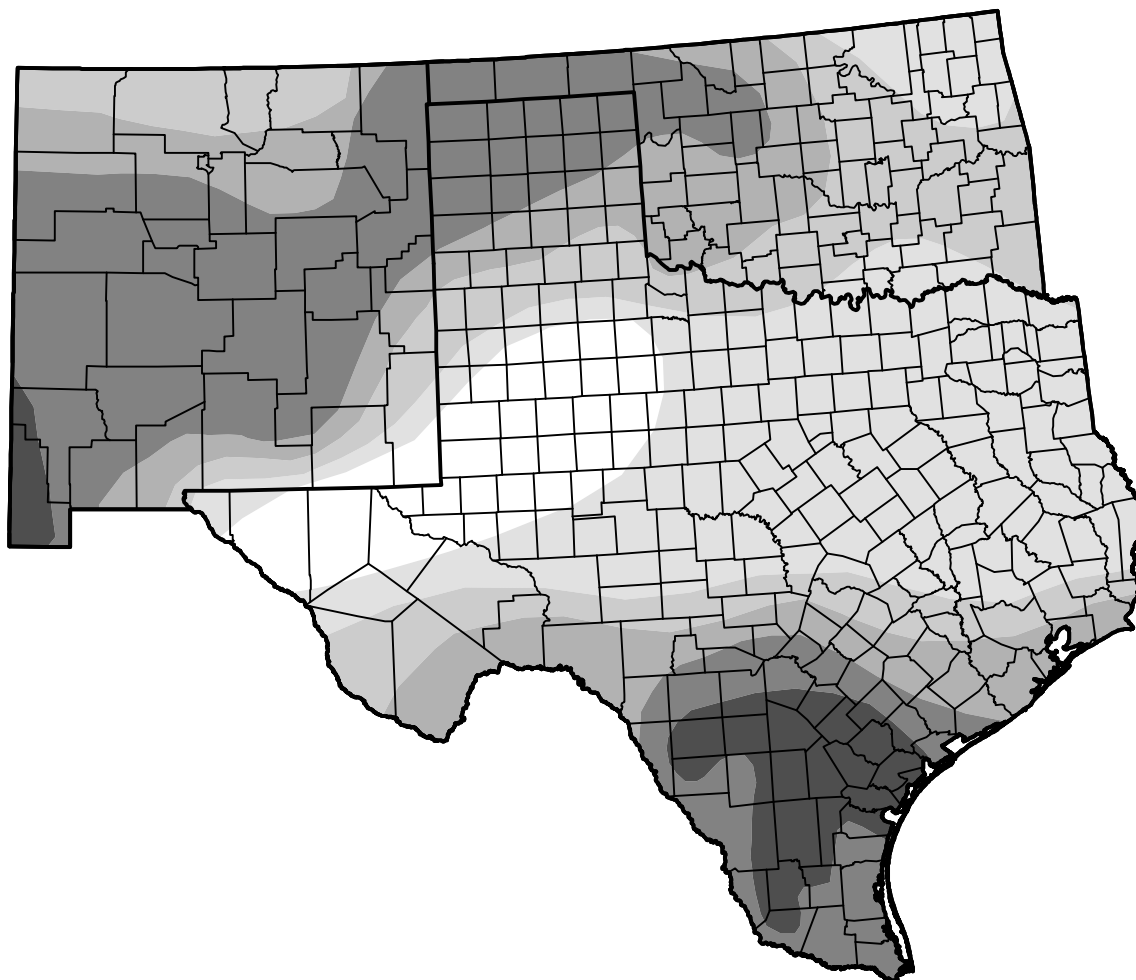


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.32	91.68	65.27	48.15	31.91	5.34
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	8.32	91.68	66.22	49.86	33.42	8.09
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	0.74	99.26	97.48	59.64	29.73	3.20
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	7.80	92.20	54.82	28.73	14.09	3.28
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	53.54	46.46	20.75	3.74	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2005</i>	56.90	43.10	17.33	2.76	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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