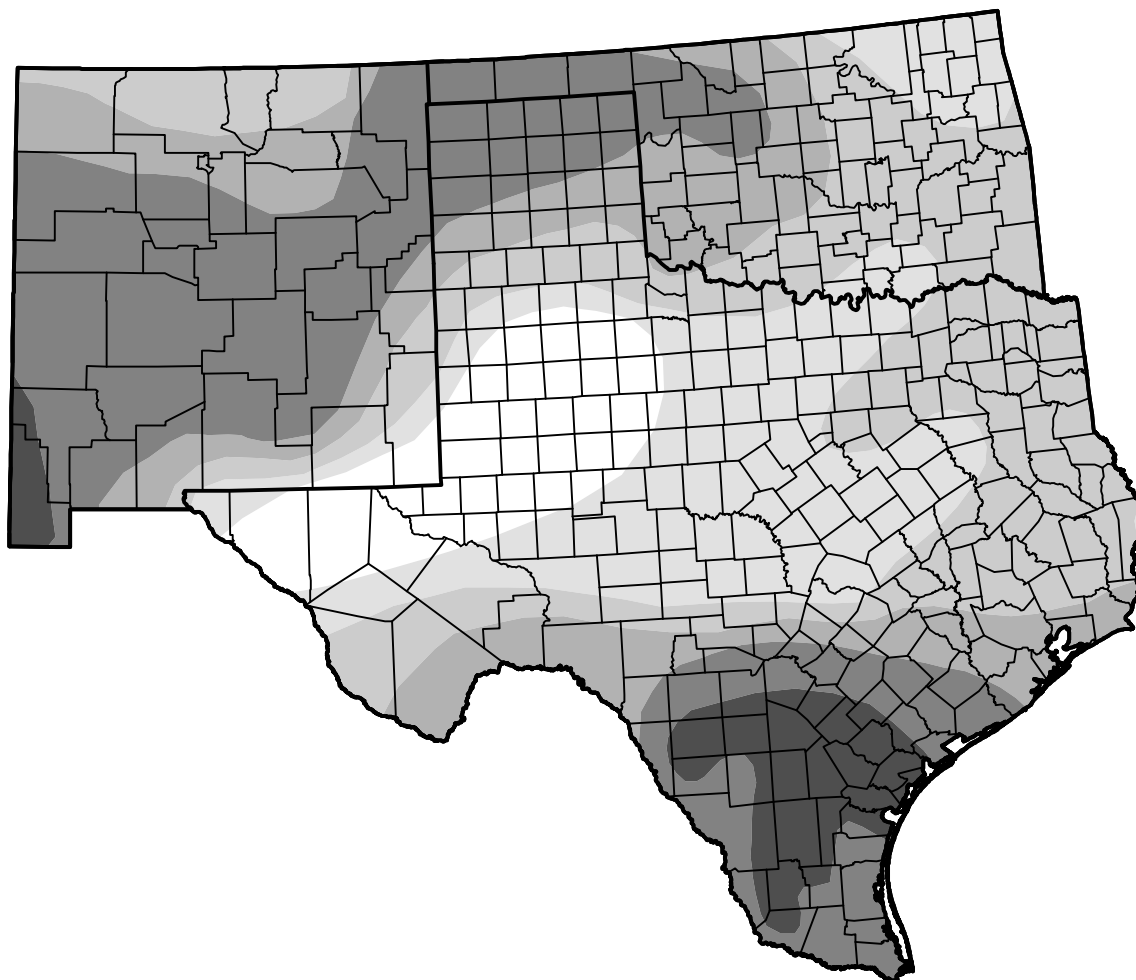


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.72	91.28	72.75	48.53	32.44	5.34
Last Week <i>05-16-2006</i>	8.32	91.68	65.27	48.15	31.91	5.34
3 Months Ago <i>02-21-2006</i>	0.74	99.26	97.97	65.12	31.15	3.40
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>05-24-2005</i>	54.61	45.39	21.30	4.39	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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