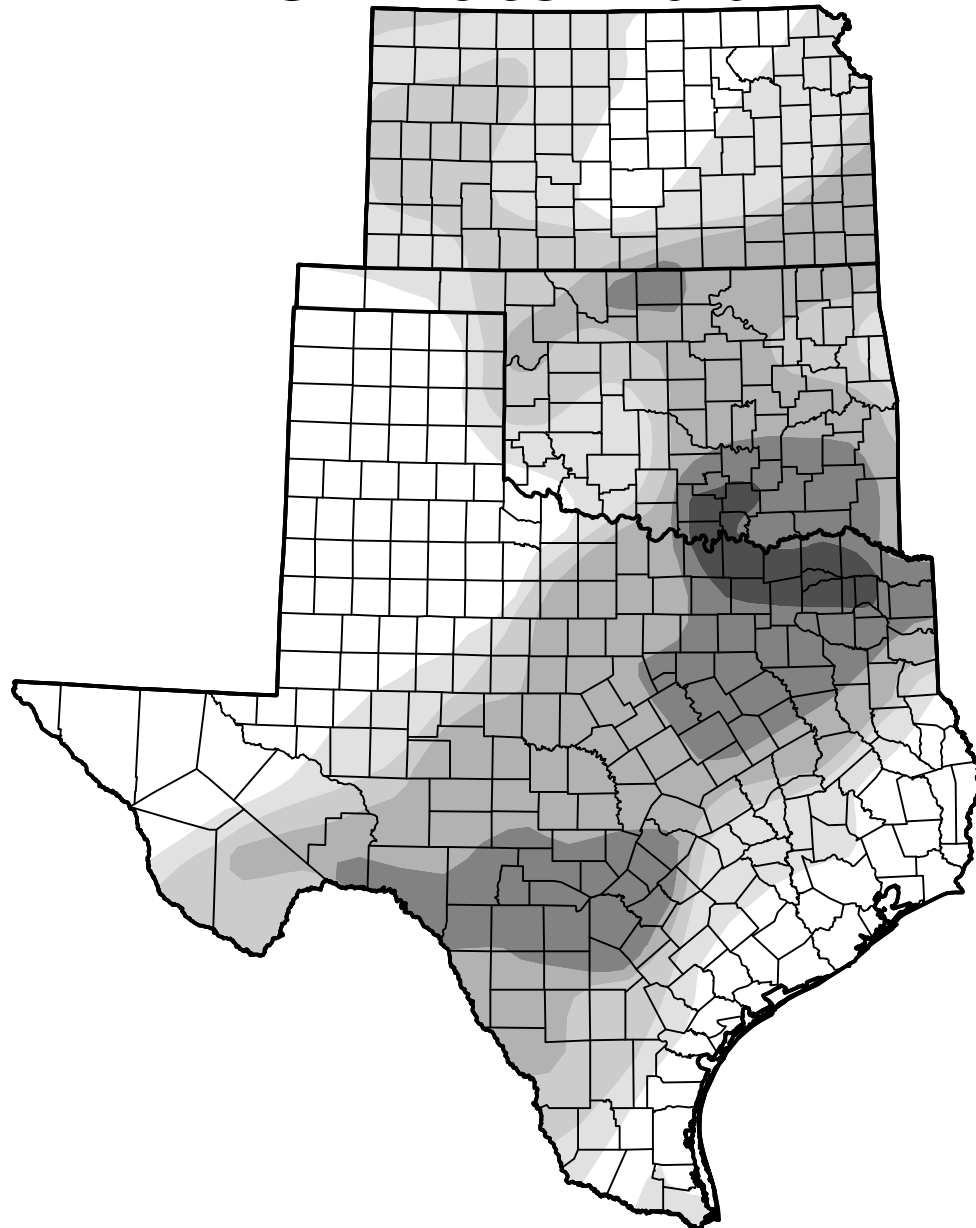


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.81	18.94	15.18	22.26	12.77	2.03
Last Week <i>10-10-2006</i>	21.21	20.44	17.96	23.52	15.17	1.70
3 Months Ago <i>07-18-2006</i>	3.50	14.06	29.54	37.03	13.02	2.85
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	20.23	26.13	21.99	16.23	11.83	3.59
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	21.53	19.81	23.05	19.95	14.62	1.04
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2005</i>	63.30	18.54	14.25	3.91	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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