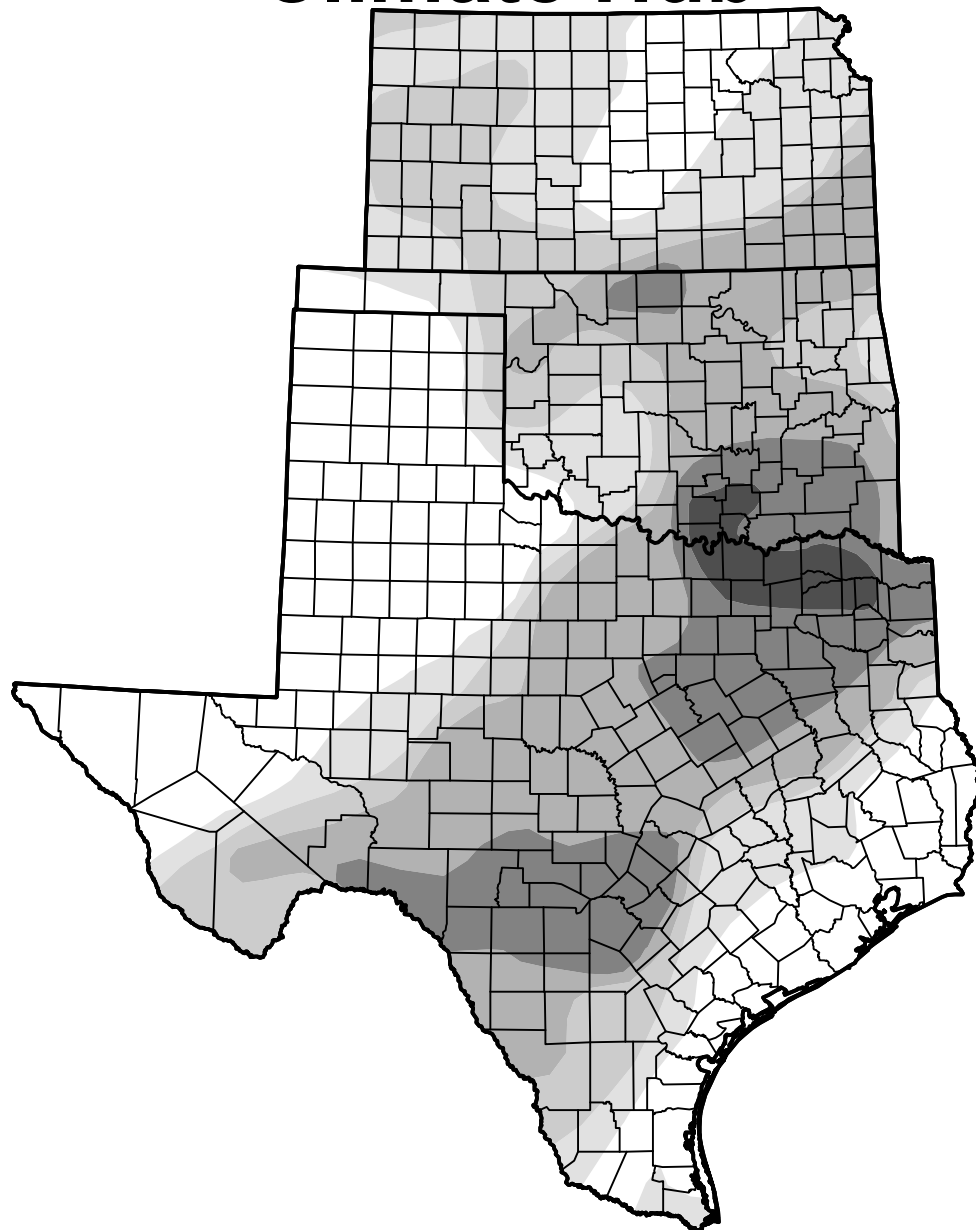


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.81	71.19	52.25	37.06	14.80	2.03
Last Week <i>10-10-2006</i>	21.21	78.79	58.35	40.39	16.87	1.70
3 Months Ago <i>07-18-2006</i>	3.50	96.50	82.44	52.90	15.87	2.85
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	20.23	79.77	53.64	31.65	15.42	3.59
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	21.53	78.47	58.67	35.61	15.66	1.04
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2005</i>	63.30	36.70	18.16	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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