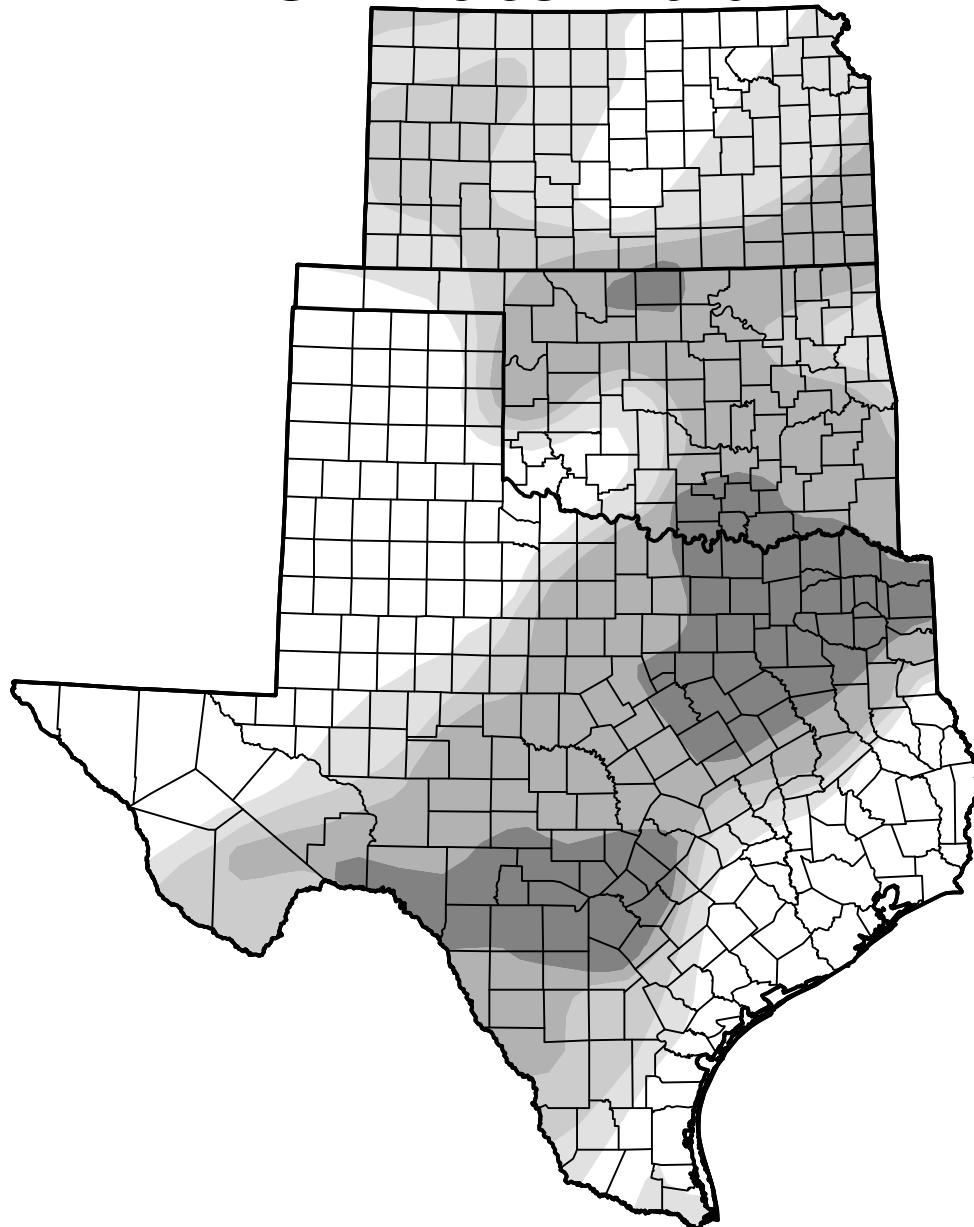


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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	31.42	68.58	51.94	38.65	13.21	0.00
<b>Last Week 10-17-2006</b>	28.81	71.19	52.25	37.06	14.80	2.03
<b>3 Months Ago 07-25-2006</b>	4.76	95.24	82.66	59.56	32.95	3.63
<b>Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006</b>	20.23	79.77	53.64	31.65	15.42	3.59
<b>Start of Water Year 09-26-2006</b>	21.53	78.47	58.67	35.61	15.66	1.04
<b>One Year Ago 10-25-2005</b>	48.06	51.94	25.19	5.39	1.43	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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