

U.S. Drought Monitor

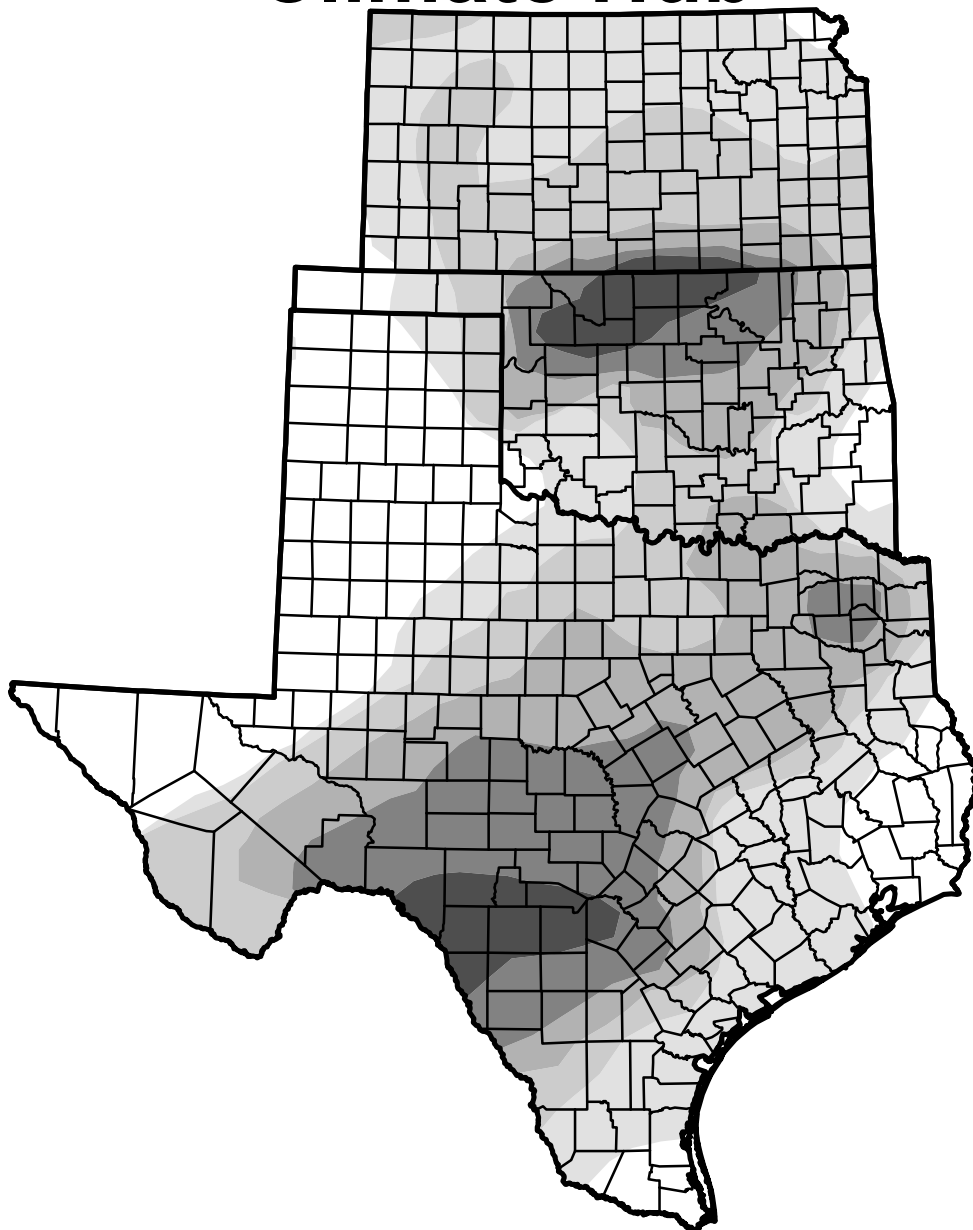
USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	19.85	24.41	21.18	17.71	12.45	4.40
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	18.70	30.25	19.67	15.15	14.97	1.26
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	20.71	13.74	21.08	13.69	20.40	10.40
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>12-13-2005</i>	22.72	26.76	24.65	19.26	6.61	0.00



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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