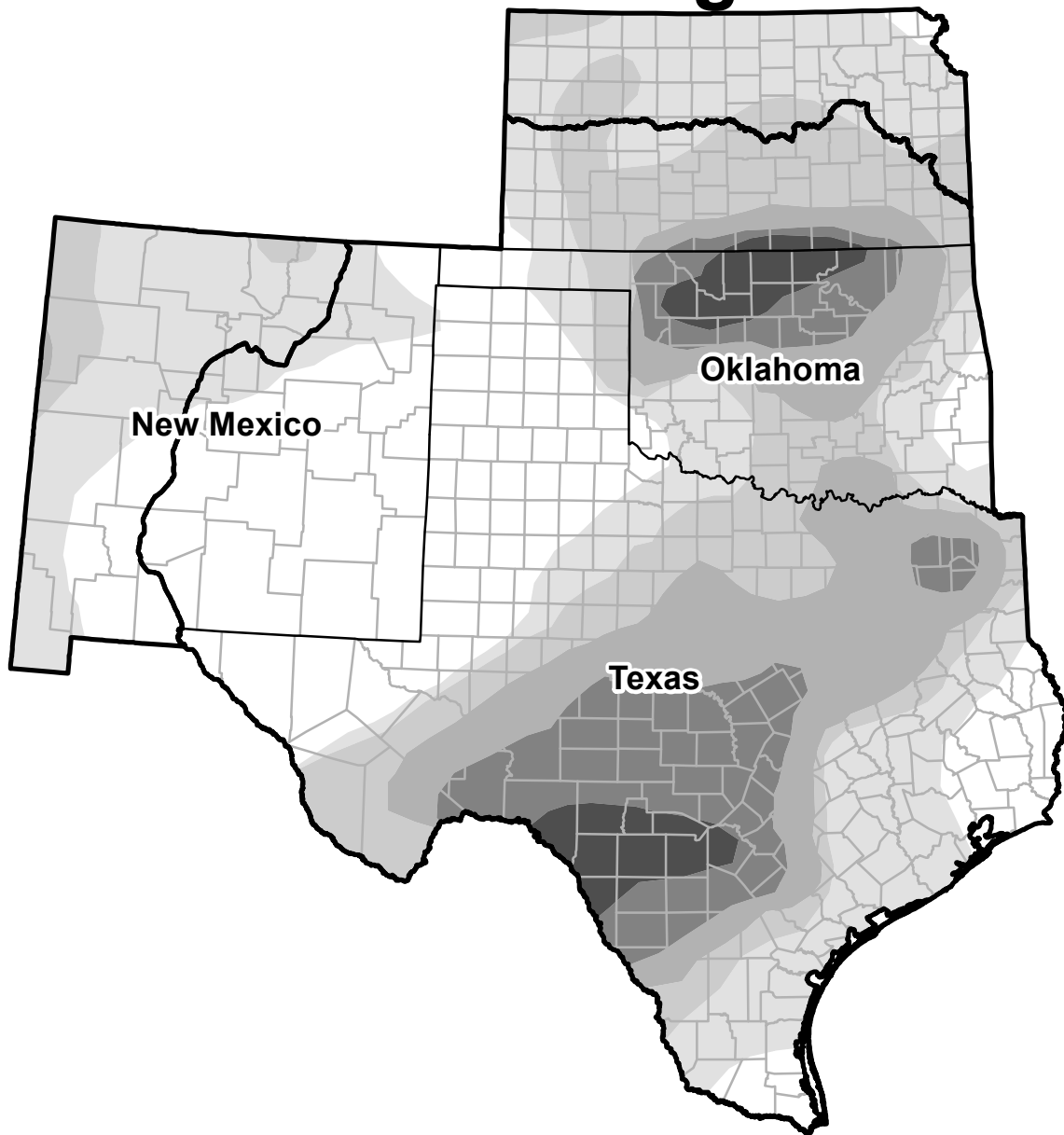


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

**December 12, 2006**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	27.78	72.22	44.57	26.83	13.05	3.40
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-05-2006</i>	31.47	68.53	40.94	24.37	12.57	0.97
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-12-2006</i>	29.52	70.48	53.22	34.88	23.85	8.05
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	16.01	83.99	47.07	24.51	11.94	2.78
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2006</i>	32.75	67.25	46.95	27.88	12.13	0.80
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-13-2005</i>	18.23	81.77	43.97	20.03	5.12	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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