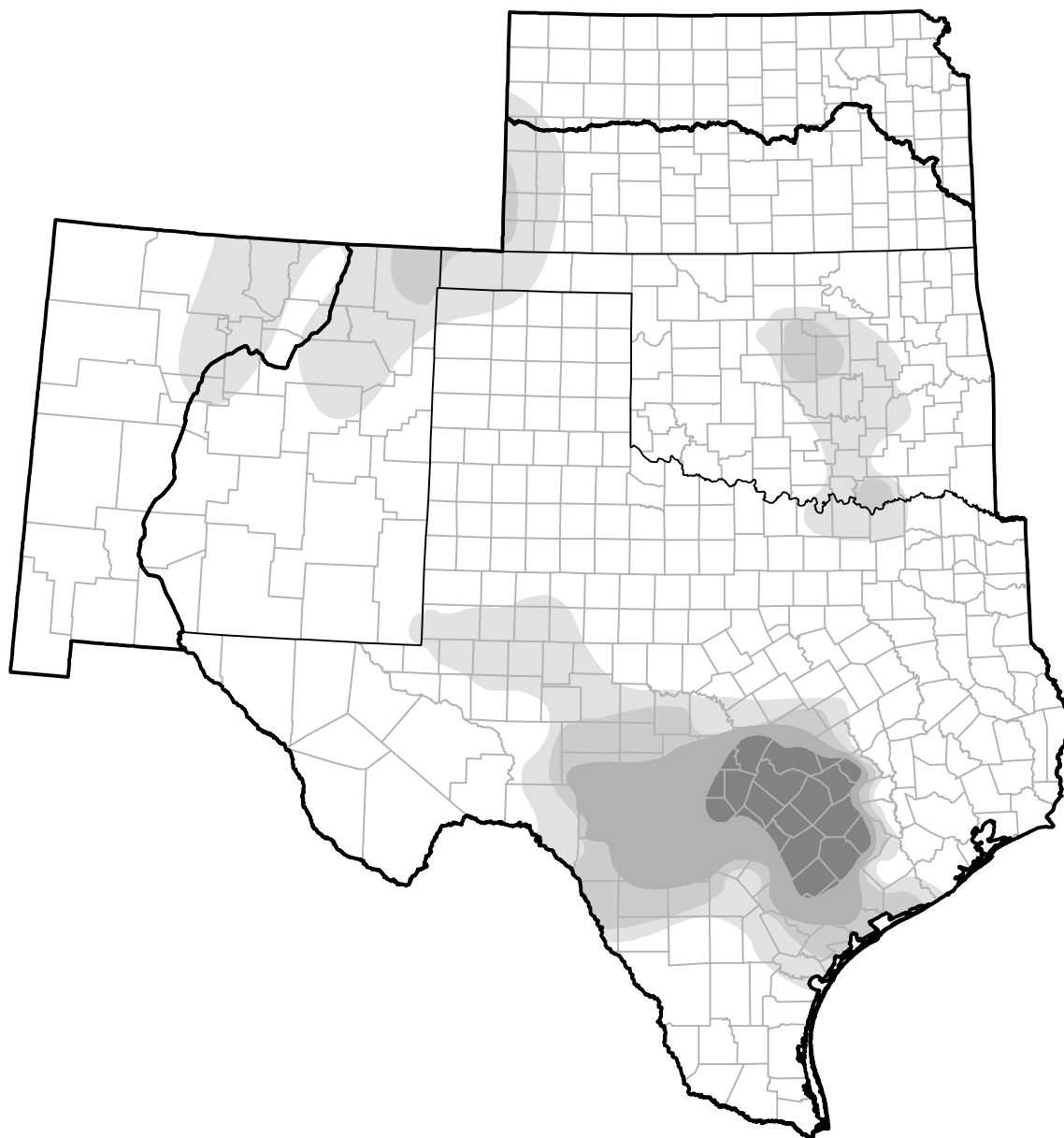


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.48	25.52	11.36	6.82	2.62	0.00
Last Week <i>10-16-2008</i>	75.00	25.00	11.32	6.47	2.62	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-24-2008</i>	26.08	73.92	43.38	24.25	13.69	3.93
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	59.56	40.44	8.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	29.51	12.92	6.06	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-25-2007</i>	89.87	10.13	0.00	0.00	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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