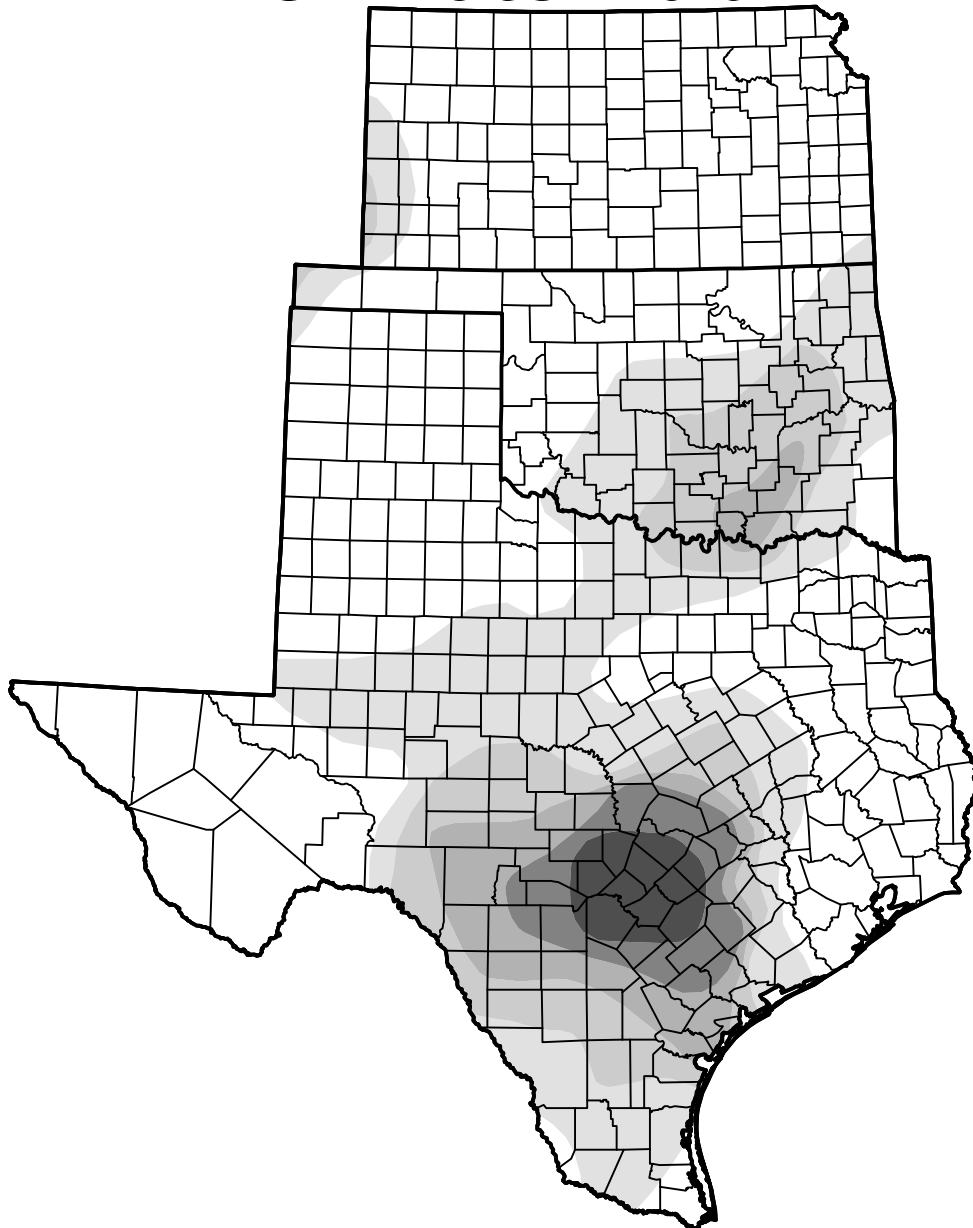


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**December 9, 2008**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 59.58 | 40.42 | 19.73 | 10.24 | 5.16  | 2.03 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-02-2008</i>              | 61.64 | 38.36 | 17.17 | 9.04  | 4.74  | 0.79 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-09-2008</i>           | 63.25 | 36.75 | 18.47 | 7.14  | 1.90  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 59.82 | 40.18 | 9.59  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 73.18 | 26.82 | 15.22 | 6.84  | 2.31  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-11-2007</i>           | 53.32 | 46.68 | 7.44  | 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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